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Greeks Penetrate Mountains

Advance Towards Chimara

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STRUGA, Dec. 19 (UP).—Frontier reports say that the left wing of the Greek troops penetrated the Cika mountains this morning after two and a half hours of fighting. The Greeks occupied the village of Kalat, four miles northeast of Chimara. Heavy losses were suffered on both sides.

Greek Objectives
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—In the south Greek artillery is pounding away at the coastal town of Chimara and are also hammering away at Tepellini and Kilsura. There are many reports of blitzkriegs. One message says that Greek troops found the bodies of Italian officers and men who died of hunger and exposure when they laid down in the snow during their retreat. Valona was raided by the R.A.F. on Wednesday. The attack being directed against the seaplane base, docks and warehouses. All bombs fell on the target and a warehouse was seen on fire. Italian fighters put up a stiff opposition and during a 20-minute combat at least one is believed to have been shot down. One of our machines had to make a forced landing while returning to its base but all the rest got home safely.

Exiled Govts. Granted Standing In Britain

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A Bill to confer diplomatic privileges on Allied and associated governments in Britain received its second reading in the House of Lords to-day.

The object of the Bill, according to the Lord Chancellor (Lord Simon) proposes to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon members and senior officials of Allied Governments stationed in this country.

Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czech-Slovak Government and the leaders and senior officials of recognised, associated national authorities such as the Free French Movement established in Britain.

The second clause of the Bill is intended to meet the case of foreign

ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT BARDIA HELD IN STRANGLEHOLD GRIP

CAIRO, DEC. 19 (REUTER).—THE GREATER PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS. IT IS ESTIMATED HERE, ARE TO-NIGHT IN THE IRON GRIP OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF BARDIA. THE STRENGTH OF THE IMPERIAL FORCES AROUND THE ITALIAN BASE IS INCREASING HOURLY AS LORRY LOADS OF SUPPORTING INFANTRY ARE RUSHED UP. ALTHOUGH NO CONFIRMATION CAN BE OBTAINED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT BRITISH ADVANCED MOBILE FORCES HAVE CUT THE COASTAL ROAD WINDING ALONG THE CLIFFS FROM BARDIA TO TOBRUK.

Italian Admission
ROME, Dec. 19 (UP).—Today's communiqué indicated that the British are still advancing in North Africa and are now exerting tremendous pressure on Bardia.

Military observers said that the defences at Tobruk had been greatly strengthened during the past week.

It is reported that the British are bringing up extensive reinforcements, including units which were formerly in the Palestine area.

British Casualties
LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Crichton, the Under-Secretary for War, announced that British casualties on the Western Desert up to December 18 were 72 killed and 738 wounded. Mr Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, mentioned the same figures in a luncheon speech.

Details of El Uak
LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—A Nairobi communiqué says that the Somali frontier post of El Uak has been reduced to ruins by our troops who, after destroying all stores and materials of no value to them, burned the buildings. Our troops then returned to their base. We lost two men killed and 12 wounded. The Italians lost 50 killed and 120 prisoners.

After the flight of their Commander, the Italian troops followed him. Some of the Africans courageously tried to contain the flight.

Position Precarious
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 19 (UP).—A general headquarters communiqué says that the Italians in the Bardia area are in a precarious position. So far 31,548 Italian prisoners have been taken, including 1,626 officers, while several thousand are still in the process of evacuation from the battle area.

"On the Sudan frontier, our patrols were again active in the Kassala and Gallabat areas, inflicting a number of casualties on the enemy."

Stoppages In Factories

Minister's Revelations
LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, told the House of Commons to-day that there had been stoppages in work at munitions factories.

Contrary to the legal procedure for settling such disputes, he said that "certain cases of stoppage had been caused as part of a settled policy." It was considered that he was referring to Communists.

R.A.F. Bombers Leave Milan Factory Ablaze

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—When British heavy bombers raided Milan on Wednesday night a great rectangular fire a quarter of a mile long was left flaring in the Pirelli Works which hold large stocks of rubber and are well-known for the manufacture of motor-tyres.

They are peculiarly vulnerable to air attacks, says the Air Ministry, since they lie between two conspicuous railway systems and can be recognised with comparative ease.

Though the raiding force was not large, the attack was remarkably effective. One pilot said: "Scores of fires started by incendiaries merged into a huge oblong blaze with explosions continually bursting up through the flames."

BRITAIN WELL GUARDED

Premier Tells The Commons

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—This is the first time in the desert that we have had equal equipment and we are still only a half-armed nation fighting a fully-armed nation which has already passed the saturation point in its armaments. But during 1941 we shall become a well-armed nation too. It takes three to four years to put the industries of a country on a war basis, said Mr Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day.

Lull In German War Effort

Position Assessed

(BY "REUTERS" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—There has been a seeming lull in Germany's war effort for some days past and whether this is the lull before the storm or after remains to be seen.

It must not be overlooked that for 15½ months the Germans have been exerting their strength to the utmost. They have over-run six countries and are in virtual occupation of two others, Rumania and Slovakia.

In the air they have maintained an almost constant succession of raids by day and night, but this has been slackening in intensity and duration, possibly owing to the weather.

Only at sea is there an increase in anything in the German pressure, but German naval activity is confined to U-boat operations with occasional sorties by raiders and E-boat formations.

Quiet Fade-Out
In the diplomatic field, the round of visits of Ribbentrop and of various statesmen, who could be induced to Germany, has quietly faded out. German propaganda has ceased talking about momentous surprises in store.

There is an embarrassed silence regarding the background of Laval's disgrace.

With regard to Italy, there have been more sympathetic references in the German press to the remarkable powers of recuperation of the Italian armies but beyond emphasising the unity of the Axis, the papers do not allude to material aid.

But as Mr Churchill stated in his speech to-day, Hitler waited a long time in complete quiescence before he struck the terrible blow which shattered France. As the Prime Minister indicated, however, even if Hitler is not letting the grass grow

Smashing Air Raid

R.A.F. Destroy An Italian 'Drome

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Italian aerodrome of Benina, near Benghazi—the important Italian base on the Libyan coast—was the subject of one of the heaviest raids of the war in the Western Desert on Tuesday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and great damage was caused to aircraft and buildings, states a British Air Force communiqué issued in Cairo to-day.

British planes arrived in waves and the first started by the first flight increased with each subsequent attack. Numerous explosions occurred and at least 10 Italian planes were destroyed. When the last British planes left, there was a general conflagration and dense volumes of smoke covered the whole aerodrome.

The Bardia-Tobruk road was also bombed but little movement was observed.

British fighter planes continue to patrol and to co-operate with British ground forces.

N.E. Africa Raid

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A Rhodesian squadron raided enemy aircraft and troops in the Metemma area while other aircraft attacked Jebel Irobah, 30 miles north-east of Kussala.

Except for one British plane which failed to return from bombing Volona in Albania, all British planes in all operations in the Middle East returned safely.

Peace In Air Over U.K.

Bomber Brought Down

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Little enemy air activity occurred over Britain during daylight to-day and no bombs were dropped in any area.

A pilot of the Fighter Command squadron which helped to save the destroyer Javelin from bombing attacks when she was recently disabled by enemy action, shot down a Dornier-17 bomber over the West Country.

The London area had its first alert to-night since Monday night but it was of comparatively short duration. A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in one London area.

BATTLESHIP IN COLLISION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (UP).—The collision between the Brooklyn, the collier, and the battleship Arkansas, has been beached after a collision with the battleship Arkansas about 15 miles southeast of Manassas, N.J. None of the crew was injured.

The Arkansas carried 500 reserve Midshipmen who are on a training cruise. The warship received only minor damage. The collier carried a crew of thirteen.

LEAHY FOR VICHY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Admiral William Leahy, the new American Ambassador to the Vichy Government, will sail aboard an American cruiser from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Vichy via Lisbon, accompanied by his wife.

Admiral Leahy made this announcement after a farewell visit to President Roosevelt.

LATE FINNISH PRESIDENT



M. KALLIO

ENORMOUS BRITISH ORDERS

Want 60 New Cargo Ships From U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—British purchasing agents have submitted to the United States Treasury a list covering three billion dollars worth of projected new war orders including 12,000 combat planes to cost about \$1,000,200,000; 60 new cargo boats to cost about \$100,000,000, and tanks, guns and ordnance to cost about \$1,700,000,000.

Officials explained that the 60 cargo boats were merely a "start" in the British shipbuilding programme and it was expected that the number would be doubled.

U.S. Defence Needs
It was revealed that the British have been informed to proceed with the enumeration of their requirements.

Meanwhile, it is understood that President Roosevelt at the White House conference yesterday, together with the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox and other experts, formulated a plan to speed up defence production which contemplates the creation of a Defence Commission composed of Mr Stimson, Col Knox and Mr William Knudsen, Chairman of the defence Board who will be empowered with sufficient authority to obtain action.

Astronomical Figures
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is understood that the British Government is seeking contracts for 12,000 additional aeroplanes, between 2,000 and 2,500 more tanks, and additional guns and ammunition.

This follows statements by Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's Secretary, on the subject of quicker aid to Britain and means of speeding up the American defence programme as a whole.

It is believed that the planes may cost \$1,125,000,000 while orders for guns and ammunition may total \$1,700,000,000.

Well-informed sources here declare that contracts for merchant vessels may be signed by the end of the week.

Further negotiations whereby considerable tonnage of Danish ships now in American ports could be taken over and transferred to Britain, are proceeding satisfactorily.

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Dramatic Death Of M. Kallio

Finland's President

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Kyosti Kallio, Finland's 66-year-old President, died in dramatic circumstances to-day, within a few hours of the election of a new president to take over the duties ill-health had prompted him to renounce.

The outgoing President drove through the crowded streets of Helsinki to-night past lines of youthful torch-bearers on his way to retirement to a farm in the country.

At the station he was received by a Guard of Honour. As he was passing along its ranks, he suddenly collapsed with a heart attack and died soon afterwards.

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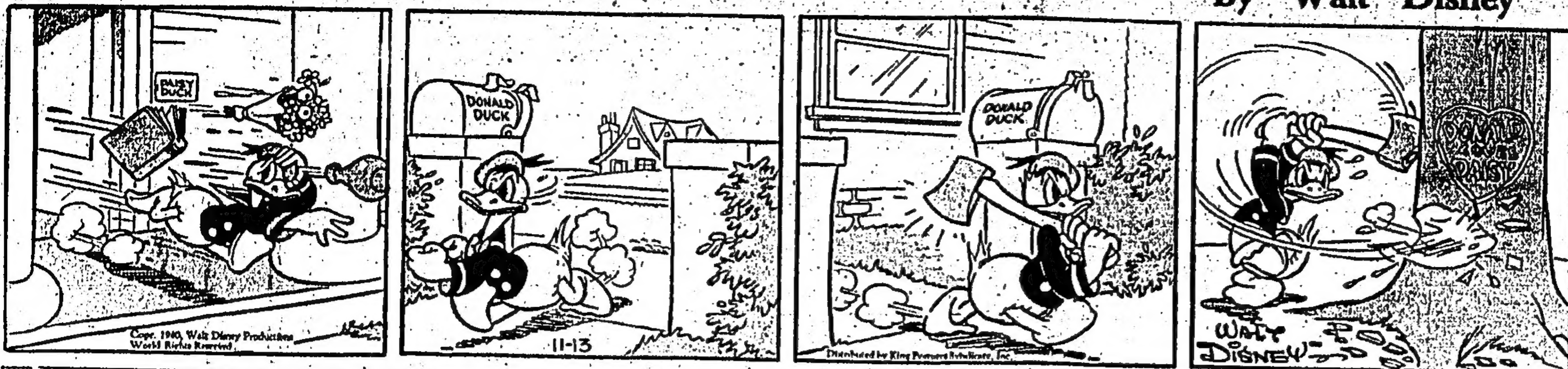
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THIS GIRL STARTLED THE DOCTORS

WHY is this picture so interesting to the medical men? What is there in the photograph of a little girl, with what looks like her baby brother, and a doll?

The answer is that this is a picture of the youngest mother in the world, with her son, aged fifteen months.

Linda Medina, of Peru, is just six years old.

Her story is one of the medical mysteries of the world. She has just arrived in Chicago, where America's doctors will try to determine the astonishing facts of her case.

The baby boy was born, on the operating table, in a South American hospital, while sixty doctors and scientists watched the "miracle."

Lina Medina, half-Indian, half-Spanish, was five years old and only three feet tall when she gave birth to a perfect male child, weighing six pounds.

Nobody thought that mother or child would survive, but both have grown and flourished and to-day are quite normal.

The natives of the mountain village where Lina Medina lived regard the event as witchcraft, but doctors all over the world have watched this case with intense interest, for, of recent years, there has been a great deal of research into the ages at which women can bear children.

In British countries child marriages are not only discouraged. They are actually forbidden by law. No girl may marry under the age of sixteen.

But the fact remains that even in civilised Britain girls under that age are having to face the responsibilities of motherhood. It is a grave social problem—so far-reaching in its complications that a famous British woman surgeon has investigated it in all its aspects.

She has just published the results of a seven-year investigation into the cases of very young mothers.

Her findings are astonishing and seem to upset many old theories and beliefs.

So much so, in fact, that the surgeon, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, who is senior medical officer of the general hospitals, department of the London County Council, states, in a paper in "The Lancet," the famous medical journal, that she is no advocate of such early motherhood.



She merely states the facts.

And they certainly tend to negative the common idea that very early motherhood may stunt the growth, and even affect the sanity of a girl.

Dr. Fairfield's probe into this question lasted from 1931 to 1938. She had access to 133,000 births in a group of twenty-four London maternity hospitals.

Of these, seventy-four were mothers between the ages of thirteen and sixteen.

Dr. Fairfield examined carefully each of these cases where, to quote her own words, "nature had been allowed to take its course."

The youngest mother was thirteen years and three months at the time of her confinement. There were no girls aged twelve, and authenticated cases at this age are, apparently, extremely rare.

Only two are known during the past thirty years.

When Lina Medina's child was born the doctors searched back in the records and discovered that eight was the earliest age known to medical science.

In the seventy-four cases surveyed by Dr. Fairfield all the mothers made a good recovery, and few had any difficulty.

THE most amazing case brought to light by Dr. Fairfield's investigation was the story of the youngest mother in London, probably the youngest in Britain.

She was thirteen years and three months. And the alleged father was only thirteen.

Of his paternity there cannot be complete certainty, but all facts seemed to prove it, and the boy himself had, it seems, no doubt at all, for he even went so far as to borrow his older brother's long trousers and bowler hat, in order to visit his child, in proper style.

THE child of this union was six pounds in weight when born, had a cleft palate, but was otherwise quite normal and healthy.

The babies, as a matter of fact, seemed to do less well than the mothers.

The average weight of the seventy-four was six pounds fourteen ounces, which is less than normal birth weight for children in Britain to-day.

Two babies were stillborn, three died at birth, five had deformities of various kinds.

This tends to suggest that there may be a special liability to deformities in the children of very young mothers, says Dr. Fairfield's report.

On the medical and surgical aspects of these young mothers the investigation shows that previous fears about very early childbirth may need to be revised.

Doctors have been surprised to learn that arrival of these babies was very normal, surgical assistance being only very slightly over the rate that is usual in all the hospitals concerned.

The labours were, with few exceptions, short and easy to an unusual degree, and complications, especially in what doctors term the third stage of a birth, were rare.

No case of mental or nervous breakdown on the part of any of the seventy-four mothers has been traced to date.

DR. Fairfield records that in the sixty-four cases where the method of feeding was noted, fifty-eight babies were breast-fed wholly or in part at the time of leaving the hospital.

More than one-third of these very youthful mothers surprised the doctors by delivering their babies in less than twelve hours, a remarkable record for first births, which seldom take less than eighteen hours.

For example, a young professional dancer, aged fifteen, had a baby weighing 8lb. 14½oz. after a labour of 8 hours 45 minutes, the second stage lasting only 1 hour 15 minutes.

The third stage was in all cases completed in thirty minutes or less, without any aid or interference. In fifty-seven out of the seventy-three cases in which there were time records, the period in the third stage was fifteen

minutes or less. No instance of serious damage was noted.

FOLLOWING Dr. Fairfield's investigations, the doctors of Britain and America are watching the strange case of six-year-old Lina Medina with great interest.

On the question of who is the father of her baby son there is still profound mystery.

Lina's mother, Donna Loza, a stolid peasant of the Andes, said at the time that she believed that Lina was bitten by a snake called "Tiracha," which, according to Indian legend, holds strange power over women, sometimes creeping up on them and sinking its fangs into them as they sleep in the open air.

Lina often slept in the open air in her mountain village.

HER father also has a theory. He says that there is a pool up in the mountains called "the pool of birth." Those who bathe in it find the power to create new life.

Lina used to bathe in this pool.

The doctors in Chicago, who have been waiting to see Lina Medina for a year, will try to solve the mystery of a birth that has baffled the medical world.

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They Went To Work By Water

LONDON River, which has served the city ill as a guide to raiders, has shown that it can still be of use to Londoners.

On its grey waters they went to work.

From Woolwich to Westminster, workers turned up in their hundreds for the first boats.

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Relieves Boredom

One passenger remembered the old London County Council steamers on the river.

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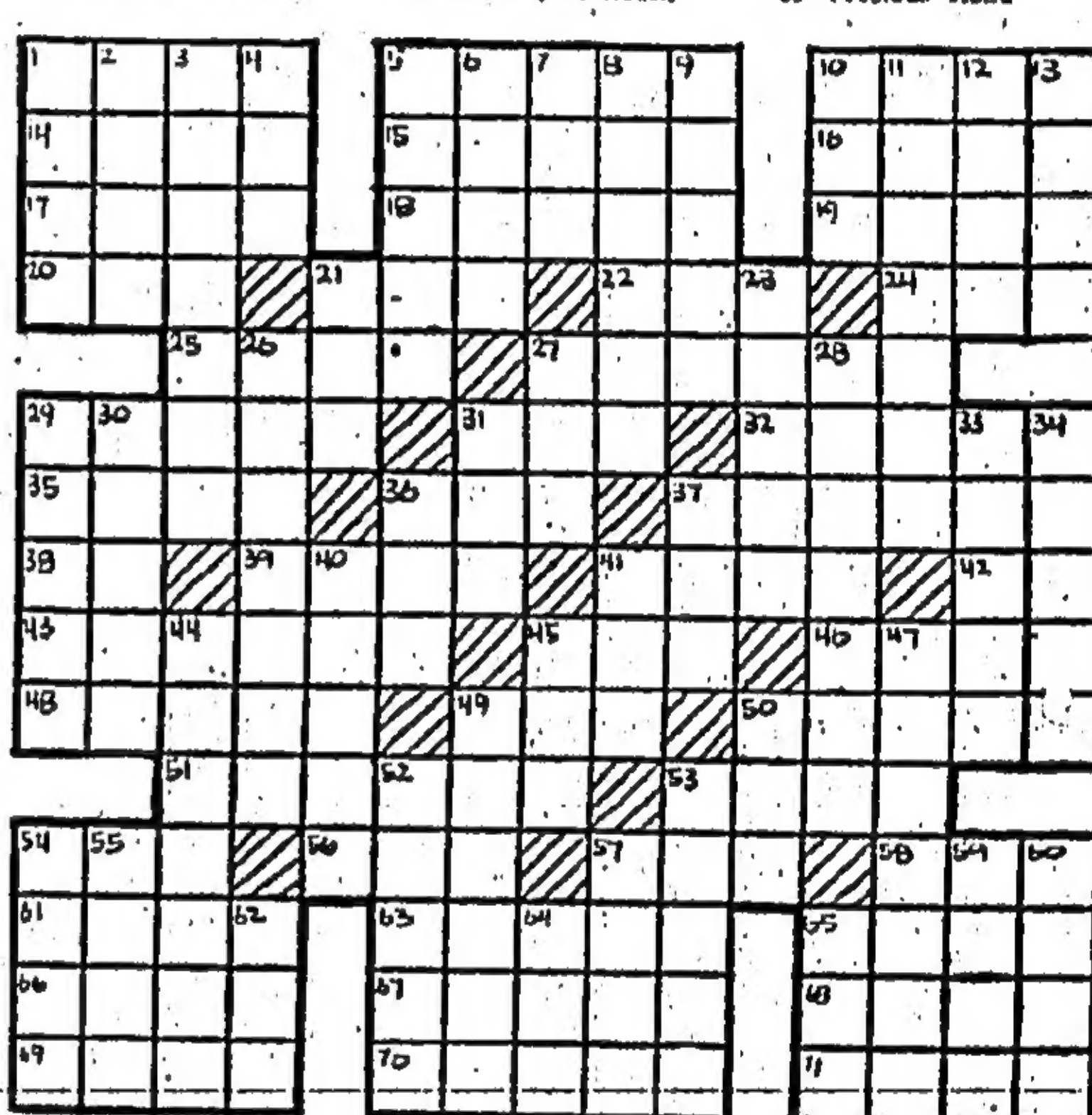
"But it's odd that it should take a war to bring them out again. Still, it adds a new zest to the boring process of getting to work."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Recently died
2—Human property
3—Makes lace
4—Paragraph
5—Weed
6—Norse navigator
7—23 harrings
8—Turn aside
9—Extent
10—Insect
11—Before
12—Orkney Islands bay
13—Sea eagle
14—Lace trees
15—Turns back
16—Opening in skin
17—Dance step
18—Metric square
19—End of Saturn's rings
20—Weapon
21—Thicker
22—Building wind
23—Aptness musical instrument
24—Floating ice block
25—Lava
26—Household
27—Hebrew title
28—Is wrong
29—Show business
30—Father
31—Required
32—Got up
33—Fall to his
34—Human
35—Body of water
36—Complete outfit
37—Period of time
38—Corrosive substance

DOWN
1—Printer's units
2—Literally bodice
3—Wash
4—Enthusiasm
5—Bar legally
6—Tartan
7—Tropical tree
8—Turtle
9—Lead over
10—German watering place
11—Zai Raherman
12—Amount that leaks
13—Male sheep
14—Tartan
15—Attack
16—Professional (col.)
17—Brings up
18—Devooured
19—Debutante (col.)
20—Architectural moldings
21—Tail
22—Female goats
23—Unit of light
24—More lifeless
25—Liver island
26—Man's nickname
27—Unit of area
28—Tried
29—Unit of area
30—English queen
31—Of the French pl.
32—Unit of area
33—Precious stone



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THE NEW SITUATION

SOME three weeks ago the "Telegraph" voiced the possibility that Italy would have to be wary of German domination of her own territory if she was unable to make a success of her self-chosen campaigns overseas in North Africa and Greece. Since then the weaker end of the Axis has been very roughly used by the British and Greeks and the inevitable rumours of armistice and Nazi troops arriving to lend assistance have found their way into print with, of course, immediate denials. The position has changed so radically that the entire aspect of the war in the Middle East has to be looked at from another angle and with that goes a reconstruction of the Axis spring campaign with its new implications for Britain and France.

General Graziani would seem to have encompassed his own downfall by extending his lines against weak British opposition to Sidi Barrani when he had no intention of going further. If he had kept his enormous forces in Libya they would have tied British forces to Egypt effectively, but by seeking the prestige of an easy advance he put himself in a position from which he has been driven out with substantial physical and moral losses.

In our case it will be worth while attempting to drive the Italians right out of North Africa because we have a fleet that can keep them out. Abyssinia, Italian Somaliland and former British Somaliland can, at the present, be ignored as they will eventually fall into our hands when we are completely successful in Libya. There is every possibility that by then the Free French movement will have claimed present-day parts of North Africa; certainly no active hostility need be feared from those territories.

Winter and the Greeks are giving the Italians a great deal of punishment in Albania and they can look for no relief. The Royal Air Force will deliver harder blows as more machines become available and the Greek military machine—which despite its successes did not lay claim to the preparedness of its Axis elements—will become more efficient and numerous.

A question to decide will be whether to meet German assistance with corresponding British support for the Greeks with the risk of turning the Balkans into a major battlefield. Hitler will no doubt remember that his cousin Joseph will be on hand in any such game to take over the odd piece of land here and there, and that is not at all to his liking. Hitler must ensure that he has not antagonised Stalin when he strains all his resources to invade Britain, or when Britain breaks in his front door. Italy, well established in Greece, would have proved her worth and could have been given a large share of the spoils of France to set herself up in the Balkans as Hitler's lieutenant, to pacify the worried small nations there and even to stiffen them into a bloc strong enough to keep Stalin's hands

Limiting Factors
In Air Warfare

By "Britannicus"

Every Englishman is today an amateur strategist in air warfare. He is bound to be so. His daily routine depends on the course of the war which he hears—and sometimes sees—going on over his head.

Few amateur commentators, however, take fully into account what is perhaps the most important of all aspects of air warfare. This is the existence of a chain of separate limitations on the volume of a belligerent's air attack.

Consider a day in the life of a bombing aeroplane which is due to make a night attack on enemy territory. It is closely overhauled by mechanics. It is loaded with bombs and its tanks filled with petrol. It is taxied out to the run-way, and its crew climb aboard. It waits its turn to take off while other planes taking part in the operations sail away into the night. For hours it flies through varying weather conditions; it reaches its goal, drops its bombs, and returns. On the aerodrome, the ground-crew again take over, and the cycle begins again.

SEVEN POINTS

A simple routine, yet it indicates at least seven limiting factors upon the volume of air attack which can be consistently mounted by any belligerent power. They are:

Total number of aircraft possessed
 Supply of pilots and air crews
 Supply of skilled ground crews and repairers
 Supply of bombs or other ammunition
 Supply of petrol fuel
 Number and size of available aerodromes

ACCUSED
OF THREE
MURDERS
Woman's 'Lapses
of Memory'

A woman charged with triple murder at the Old Bailey recently was stated to be suffering from lapses of memory.

She was Mrs Florence Iris Ouida Ransom, 34-year-old secretary of Piddington, near Bicester, and the defence successfully applied for her trial to be postponed until next sessions.

Mrs Ransom is charged with the murder of Mrs Dorothy Sanders Fisher (40), her daughter, Miss Freda Ann Fisher (20), and their housekeeper, Miss Charlotte Saunders (48), who were found dead with gunshot wounds in a cottage named Crittenden, at Miffeld, near Tonbridge, on July 9.

Mr Stuart Horner, defending, said he made the application so that Mrs Ransom might be examined by an independent neurologist with a view to ascertaining her medical history.

Judge's Reply

She had been in several hospitals, and the defence was trying to trace those records. He had been instructed that the medical history dated almost from her birth.

Mr Justice Hallett: Hysteria and a desire for publicity, or what?

Mr Horner: No, my lord. Lapses of memory which may be due to a basic source.

The judge replied that he did not understand lapses of memory.

off their while Hitler was busy on the other side of Europe.

These dreams are shattered now and the "new order" must find itself new material. France may play a big part yet in the outcome of this war. The Nazis would cripple the best part of their fighting machine in attempting to enslave the whole of France, so that conciliation is necessary to save more expenditure of force and to retain the obedience of French overseas possessions.



FEARNAUGHTS AND CROSSES

Distance to be covered in reaching vital enemy objectives.

Obviously each limiting factor has also a "quality component"—the skill of the personnel, speed and reliability of planes, scientific quality of fuel and armament, location of aerodromes, weather normally encountered en route. These, however, are short run, they are determined and unchangeable. They cannot be turned into bottlenecks choking the whole effort of air attack.

Each of the quantitative factors may become a bottleneck. It will avail an air force nothing if it has an immense number of aircraft, all the petrol and bombs it wants, plenty of good advanced aerodromes, yet is short of trained pilots. The pilots will be impotent if they are not matched by adequate ground crews.

AERODROME FACTOR

One bottleneck which may be critically important is little realised by the public. This is the aerodrome factor. It comes to everyone's notice in extreme cases, such as the Norway campaign, when the Allied forces were overwhelmingly handicapped by having no aerodromes whatever; but it is constantly operating to limit action in the air.

A modern heavy bomber needs a long take-off into the wind. One run-way of a great aerodrome alone may be used. The total number of minutes during which aeroplanes can take off from that aerodrome on a particular operation is restricted by the distance that they must cover during darkness, or by other circumstances. Divide that number by the necessary time-interval between each take-off, and you have the number of aeroplanes that can take part in the action from that aerodrome. It may be 40 or 50—a large number, but a limiting factor when operations are conceived in terms of several hundreds.

ESSENCE OF MATTER

This is only an illustration. The essence of the matter is that an enemy air force may be crippled by narrowing any one of the bottlenecks, however wide may be the others. Here is one of the prime elements in present-day air warfare. The attacks on German petrol supplies by the British Air Force are an outstanding example of these tactics. By this means, or by its heavy losses of pilots in the mass air battles over England, the German air force may be crippled despite its flying start in numbers of planes and its geographical advantage since the invasion of the Low Countries and France.

Squabble
Over
Antarctica

(By United Press Science Service). It begins to look as though Antarctica and its penguins will have to be parcelled out at last to nations of the earth when surviving powers reshuffle territorial possessions after this war.

No less than ten countries, including now Chile and Argentina, have put in claims for pie-shaped wedges or other areas of Antarctica. Claims overlap and clash, as in the case of Nazi Germany mapping and planting flags in 230,000 square miles of the Far South in 1939, in the same region where Norway not long before had proclaimed sovereignty and given the name Crown Princess Martha Land.

Despite first reports that Chile has laid claim to a sector including Little America, the area between 53 and 90 degrees West Longitude is actually east of Little America, mainly in the Falkland sector of the Antarctic pie. This brings Chile into conflict with claims of Great Britain and Chile's own neighbour, Argentina.

Parts of the vast Antarctic continent, seemingly so remote from world conflicts, are claimed by Norway, Germany, France, Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Chile, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. It is generally expected that eventually an international commission will gather to decide the knotty problem of cutting the continent into pie wedges, or breaking it into irregular chunks and awarding the pieces.

Divided Like A Pie

Countries that border the South Polar continent lean to the argument that the continent should be divided like a pie, and sectors awarded to the nearest nations, if such nations claim them. Chile and Argentina are pressing this point, though as rivals.

Countries that have engaged in discovery and scientific exploration on the Antarctic continent argue that the land should be parcelled out to countries that have discovered, mapped and explored it, as other continent have been.

Nations claiming Antarctica are running true to form in making grand gestures, as discovering nations always have done. Chile claims a sector of Antarctica on the grounds that the Chilean Andes mountains submerge and then rise again as part of the Antarctic continent, and therefore even in Antarctica these mountains are part of Chile.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Got any crutches, Buddy?"



PORCH RECEPTION—Joyous neighbours form an election victory parade and call on President Roosevelt at his home in Hyde Park, N. Y. In front of the white-columned, gray stone house, he and his family assemble on the porch. He is indicated by arrow. Mrs. Roosevelt and his mother were in group.

FIVE CHILDREN TORPEDOED

Father Joins Up Again

Mr James Grimmond, 42, of York-place, Lifford-road, Cold-harbour-lane, Brixton, S.W., five of whose children are reported dead in a liner recently torpedoed, is to rejoin the Army, in which he served in the last war.

"This is not war," he said. "It is sheer cold-blooded murder, and all I ask is for a front-line job."

Mrs Grimmond, his wife, said: "If Hitler thinks he can beat us this way he has made a mistake. I for one am more determined to see this thing through to an end than ever before."

Mr and Mrs Grimmond had a family of 10 children. Sometime ago their home was destroyed by a direct hit from a bomb, but they were in their Anderson shelter and escaped. The five children now reported dead—Augusta, 13½, Violet 11, Constance 9, Edward 8 and Leonard 5—were already due to leave, and they left to join the liner the following morning.

Hitler's 200,000 Men In Mexico

Mr. Elliot Roosevelt, son of the American President, asserted in a speech recently that Germany was financing an organisation of 200,000 men in Mexico known as "The Red Militia."

"The danger that confronts this country doesn't lie all the way across the ocean," he said.

He Wants To Take The Isle Of Man

CLAIMS to British islands which, he declared, were necessary for Norway's "living space" were made recently by Mr. Lunde, the new Norwegian Minister of Propaganda, in a speech broadcast from Oslo.

He claimed that Norwegian pioneers once colonised the islands in the North Sea and the Orkneys, the Isle of Man and parts of Northern Ireland, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland.

"Lead The North"

With emphasis on Greenland, Mr. Lunde said: "Denmark secured Greenland through the Treaty of Kiel, which was the Versailles of the North. Norway never recognised the validity of this space."

"Since Europe will be rearranged, the Norwegians must return to their position in their hereditary vital space. Norway must become the leading country of the North."

Consul For Madrid

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"Spain can be independent if her people are properly guided," he added.

Pumpnickel Auctioned For \$1,500

BIG PRICES were paid for ponies at an auction at the Jockey Club yesterday. Pumpnickel, a 1939 Australian, of 14.2 hands, was sold for \$1,500 to Mr T. K. Tseng, the bidding starting at \$500, and Attacking Time, a 1940 Grifin, of 14 hands, to Mr Y. T. Tsu for \$1,000.

Geordie, 1930 Sub. Grifin; King Kong, 1939 Sub. Grifin; A Great Time, 1937 Australian; Just in Time, 1938 Grifin; Red Feather, 1937 Grifin; Smiling Time, 1939 Sub. Grifin; Expression Time; English Cavalier 1939 Grifin; Blue Express, 1939 Grifin; Rose Perfect, 1940 Grifin; and Australian 1941 Subscription pony No. 27 were withdrawn.

Sales were: Southern Star, 1939 Australian, 14.1, V. V. Needs \$5; Grand Allegiance, 1940 Australian, 14.2, D. Anstutroff \$45; Royal Highness, 1936 Grifin, 14.0, S. L. Yuen \$155; Kait Cheung, 1939 Sub. Grifin, 13.2, V. V. Needs \$25; Princess Clara, 1940 Australian, 14.2, Lo Kwong to \$200; Malador, 1933 Sub. Grifin, 14.1, L. B. Chao \$80; Laughing Girl, 1936 Grifin, 14.0, V. V. Needs \$90; King's Envoy, 1939 Sub. Grifin, 14.0, S. W. Lee \$140; National Honour, 1939 Sub. Grifin, 14.0, V. V. Needs \$35; Pail Mail, 1939 Sub. Grifin, 14.0, W. H. S. Davis \$85; Fel Ying, 1938 Sub. Grifin, 14.7, V. V. Needs \$25; Lancashire Lass, 1938 Grifin, 14.1, Y. T. Tsu \$450; Violet Queen, 1936 Australian, 14.2, T. C. Yuen \$105; Lancashire Boy, 1938 Grifin, 13.2, V. V. Needs \$10; Willynilly, 1939 Sub. Grifin, 13.2, R. A. C. Chiu \$110; Spring Blossom, 1940 Australian, 14.2, T. W. Li \$720; Attacking Time, 1940 Grifin, 14.0, Y. T. Tsu \$1,000; Commencement Day, 1937 Grifin, 14.1, Sheun Cheung-fook, 14.1, \$35; Good Morning, 1937 Grifin, 14.1, W. H. S. Davis \$85; Purnelo, 1940 Australian, 14.2, T. L. Tseng \$140; Pumpnickel, 1939 Australian, 14.2, T. L. Tseng \$1,500; Half-Moon Eve, 1938 Grifin, 14.1, Sheun Cheung-fook \$105; Ajax, 1939 Australian, 14.2, C. L. Gregory \$300; Gold Coin, 1935 Grifin, 14.0, T. L. Tseng \$100; Nancy Lee, F. A. Sutton \$255.

FLOATING MINE SEEN

A floating mine was seen in position Latitude 22.11 degrees North, Longitude 113.58 degrees East, at 9.40 a.m. on December 18, it is reported to the Hongkong Harbour Department by the master of a steamer.

Amplification Of Coup In Tangier By Spain

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Firm words about the situation in Tangier were used by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr R. A. Butler) when replying in a House of Commons debate on the position of the International Zone.

The Labourite, Mr F. Seymour Cocks, who initiated the debate, said that the situation was a very grave one and demanded even more drastic steps by Britain to preserve the neutrality and unfortified character of Tangier.

After reviewing the developments leading up to the dissolution of the International administration, Mr Butler said that as a result of the coup of December 13, "the most definite language is being used by the local Consul General at Tangier and by the British Ambassador, both to the authorities in Tangier and to the Spanish Government in Madrid."

"We are particularly anxious to know what is the practical effect of the general assurances about British subjects which were given at the beginning of December, and we are concerning ourselves about the future of the British personnel in the administration."

1,700 Britons Concerned

"Not only have British officials received this treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities but also foreign officials of other nations concerned who are for the most part French or Italian. Similar treatment has been meted out to all. There are some 1,700 British residents in Tangier and it is about these that we have received some assurances and about the officials, we are making strong and definite representations in negotiations which are now proceeding."

"Signatories of the Statute are France, Spain, United Kingdom and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Sweden are adherents. I cannot speak for Italy and France but I understand that the Netherlands and Belgium have protested with us against the Spanish action."

"Meanwhile we have informed the Swedish and Portuguese governments of the action we are taking. The United States is fully aware of the position and there is contact between us."

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Honour For Chief Justice

St John Order

The Insignia of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem was presented to the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton at an investiture at Government House yesterday.

On the dais in the ballroom were the Assistant Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, Mr E. M. Raymond, and Lieut. P. Gunner, Lieut. B. A. Fergus and Flight Lieut. M. N. Oxford, Naval, Military and Air Force Aides-de-Camp to the Governor.

Among those present were the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett, the Commander, Captain A. C. Collinson, Wing-Commander T. G. Horry, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and officers of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

Mr E. M. Raymond said:—I present to you a Postulant, His Honour Sir Alasdair Duncan Atholl MacGregor, Knight Bachelor, Chief Justice of Hongkong, whose admission to the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem as a Commander of the Order has been sanctioned by the King, the Sovereign Head of the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the said Venerable Order.

The Acting Governor replied:—Sir Atholl MacGregor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by His Majesty, the Sovereign Head of the Order, I am about to present to you the Insignia of a Commander of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in the British Realm. Be loyal to your Sovereign, true to your honour and faithful to the Order.

Remember always that the Cross which you wear is the sign of man's redemption; its arms symbolise the Christian virtues, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude; its points represent the eight Beatitudes which spring from the practice of these virtues; may its whiteness ever remind you of the purity of life required of those who fight for the Christian Faith and live for the service of the poor and suffering.

Sir Atholl MacGregor, accompanied by his supporters, Sir Robert Hottel and Mr Ho Kom-long, Knight Commanders of the Order, then mounted the dais to receive the Insignia.

Honour For Marines In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Commander of the American Navy's Yangtze Patrol, decorated the Standard of the United States—4th Marines with a five-starred red battle streamer in an impressive ceremony on the Racecourse to-day. The streamer was presented in accordance with a Marine Corps order issued in Washington for service in Mexico in 1914, Santo Domingo in 1916, Mexico in 1916, Santo Domingo in 1917, the Yangtze service from 1937 to 1932, and China from 1927 to 1934. It is the first award of this nature received by the 4th Marines.

Col. Dewitt Peck, Commanding Officer of the Marines, received the decoration on behalf of the regiment.—Reuter.

VALUABLE BRACELET LOST

A diamond bracelet set in platinum, valued at £400, was lost between Dina House, Duddell Street, and the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables yesterday. The bracelet is believed to have been insured.

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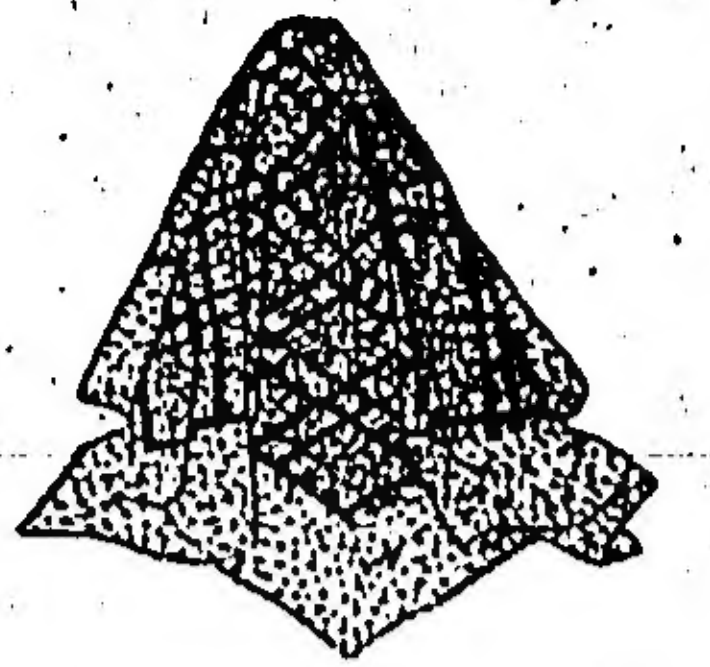
Dr S. N. Chau will distribute the prizes at the annual prize giving of Wah Yan College in the College Hall on Saturday at 5.30 p.m.

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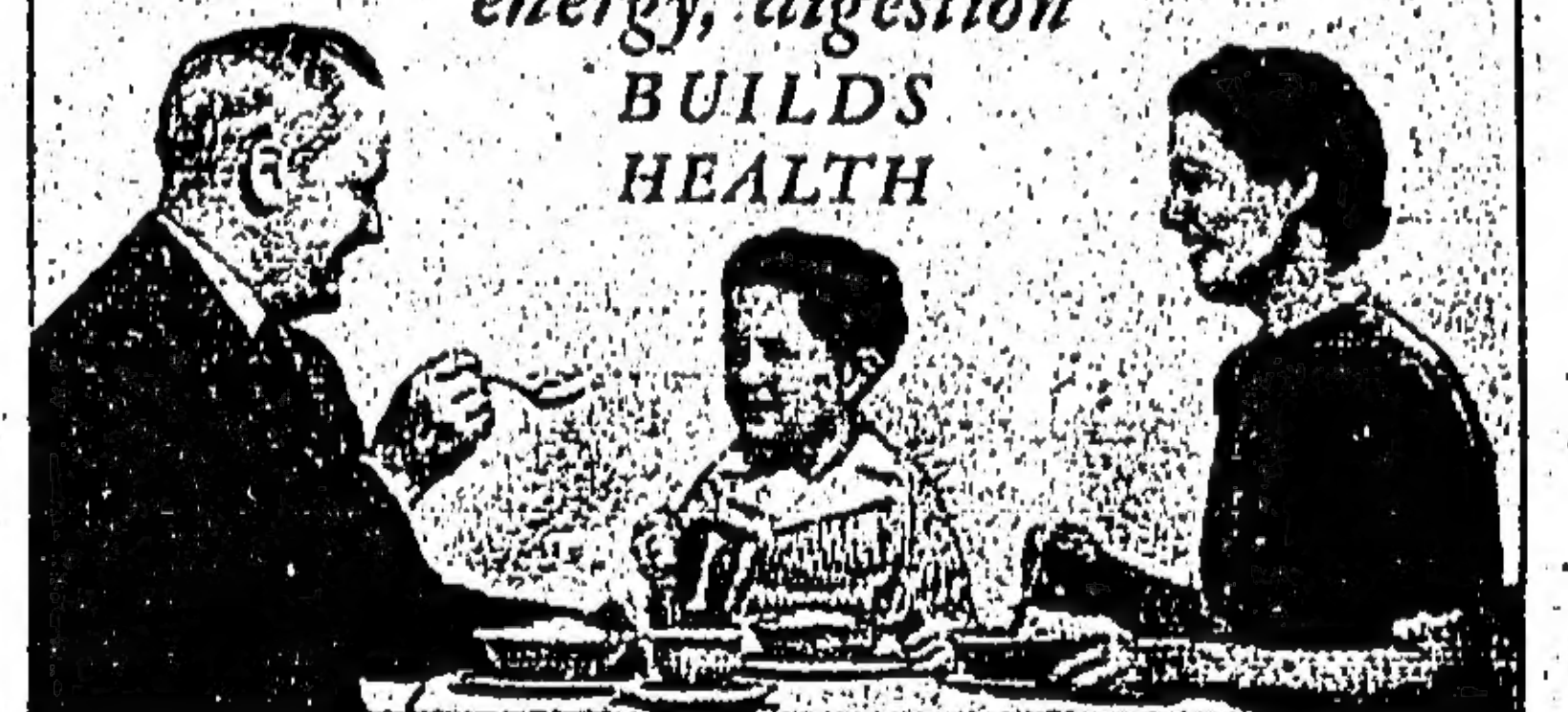


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ARMS CASE CONTINUES

After further evidence had been heard by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's yesterday, the case in which Henry Chou, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining \$12,500 and \$2,000 by false pretences from Wong Hor of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company, was adjourned until December 23.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution while Mr. F. L. Zimmerman appeared for Chou. The prosecution alleges that Chou, in a transaction with complainant's firm and the Central Trust of China involving 100 aircraft machine-guns valued at \$510,000, had received sums of money amounting to \$12,500 and \$2,000 which should have been handed over to the Central Trust of China but in fact had not.

It was also alleged by the prosecution that, following enquiries, it was disclosed that the Central Trust had neither demanded nor received the money paid to Chou, who at first admitted retaining the money but later denied it, saying the money had been paid over.

In evidence yesterday, Mr. Li Chung-ho said he was present at most of the negotiations, and questioned by Mr. Zimmerman, said he did not at any time see complainant hand money over to defendant. He added that complainant had told him (Li) that he had given defendant \$2,000 to be paid to the Central Trust as part of their commission. Li said he had been informed by complainant that the contract related to the buying of machine-guns. Apart from that he did not know anything about the transaction.

Mr. Henry Lin, sub-manager of the purchasing department of the Central Trust of China, said he had asked complainant to quote his terms for 100 aircraft machine-guns as he was under the impression that complainant's firm were the South China agents for Colt Arms Company of United States. On July 15, the contract was signed with a condition that the contract was subject to confirmation by the Chungking Government. The following day instructions were received from Chungking to suspend the contract owing to the closure of the Burma Road. Some time in November the contract was destroyed.

Witness added that throughout the negotiations he was under the impression that defendant was a partner in complainant's firm.



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By Ernie Bushmiller

DAMAGED PILOT SAVES SUBURB

Londoners who saw a Hurricane side-slipping over their heads during a recent week-end did not know that the pilot was battling to save their lives.

In the Hurricane a pilot officer, who could have saved himself much earlier by jumping, was striving to prevent his machine from crashing on to houses.

A few minutes earlier it had been hit by an explosive shell from a Messerschmitt. Gliding away from the enemy the pilot prepared to bale out. Then he saw that he was over a thickly populated district. Sooner than take the risk of his pilotless machine crashing into houses he decided to try to land in open country.

In an Empty Field By this time oil was spraying in a thick sheet from the engine, but by a series of violent side-slips the pilot managed to get the flames under control. Eventually he landed safely with wheels up in an empty field. The pilot officer had sent an M.E.109 crashing in flames before he himself was hit.

A.T.S. Girls At The Guns

Girls of the A.T.S. are wearing gunners' lanyards now.

Schools teaching anti-aircraft gunnery use instruments called kinetheodolites to check up on the accuracy of their shooting.

When guns are firing at a target towed by an aeroplane the kinetheodolite may pick up errors not clear to the unaided eye.

Operators of the instrument need a fair knowledge of geometry, a working acquaintance with logarithms, some practice in photography and a natural delicacy of touch.

Teaching Men In one of these gunnery schools in the Western Command girls are instructing men in kinetheodolite mysteries.

"These girls are doing a very good job with these instruments," the officer-in-charge said.

Sinclair Says Goering Is Disgracing His Uniform

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, Secretary for Air, said recently that if the R.A.F. were to divert its forces from military objectives to reply in kind to the German air attacks upon civilians London would be betrayed.

Sir Archibald, who was speaking at a luncheon in London of the National Defence Public Interest Committee, announced that in air fighting generally since August 8 we had lost 621 machines and the Germans 1,867. Our losses in air crews were fewer than 600; the German losses amounted to about 4,000.

"Goering," he said, "is bringing disgrace upon his uniform and upon the service which he commands by launching that service in savage and indiscriminate attacks upon the civilian population of this country and upon our King and Queen."

"Unable to destroy our Air Force, 20,000 or 25,000 feet, unloading their bombs aimlessly and indiscriminately; they came down much lower and directed their bombs with deadly aim at the centres of German naval, military and air power."

"He ought to know, and he will soon learn, that against the assaults of tyranny the people of London ever stand steadfast and unshaken."

"Wretched Man" "That wretched man is only sealing his own doom, for he is binding the whole nation together in a common loyalty to their King and Queen, who share the sufferings and the dangers of their people, and in a fierce determination, not only to defend our shores, but to reach out and destroy the nests of criminals in Berlin and Rome who keep Europe in misery and chaos."

Striking Deep Our own bombers, Sir Archibald said, were striking deep into Germany and Italy, or smashing up the ships and barges collected in the ports of France and the Low Countries for the invasion of Britain. They did not cruise about at

Warm Reception Sir Archibald said that recent air battles by day have shown that we are well—almost miraculously—protected against attack. "Bombing by night is less dangerous because less accurate, but it is

cruel and harassing and more difficult to deal with. Is it an insoluble problem? Not at all—we are making progress."

"The German airmen will find that their reception here is increasingly warm, as indeed they have already found over London, and I am able to look forward to a time when the pleasure of night bombing over Britain and of blowing to pieces a number of humble London homes will cease to be attractive to Field-Marshal Goering and his neral minions."

GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBURG

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg arrived in London from Lisbon recently and was met by M. Classens, the Duchy's consul in London, who said that her visit was unofficial.

When German troops invaded the Duchy on May 10 she escaped with her husband, Prince Felix, and their six children into France. When France collapsed they went to Spain and later to Portugal. It was reported in July that Prince Felix and the children had left for America.

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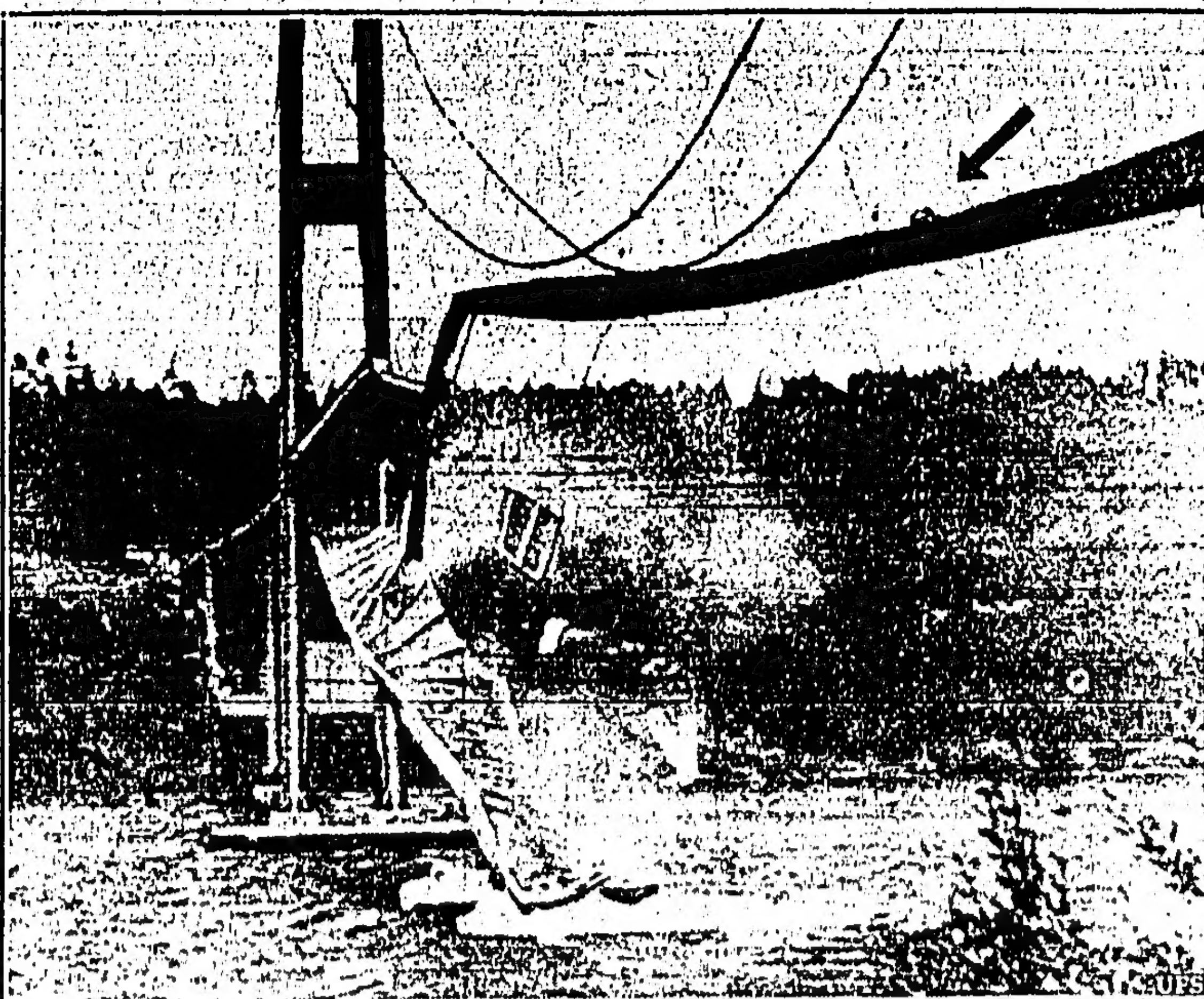
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COLLAPSES IN WIND—Remarkable picture shows the collapse of the \$6,400,000 Tacoma Narrows bridge into Puget Sound, after a heavy wind started it swaying. The bridge had the third longest suspension span in the world. Arrow, reporter's automobile. He crawled to safety on hands and knees.

London's Chinatown Among Most Heavily Bombed Areas

LONDON'S East-end Chinatown has been amongst the most heavily bombed of this great city's stricken districts. Little laundries and restaurants, formerly kept by industrious, frugal, Chinese proprietors, who employed as workpeople many of their poorer compatriots, are now just sad heaps of bricks and broken beams by the side of bomb-pitted roads.

Beneath some of the ruins are still buried the bodies of those who formerly worked there, and rescue workers are still digging to recover the remains.

Most Chinese who could afford to do so have already left the danger area for less menaced districts in London, and many, if not all, of the Chinese women and children have been evacuated to the country by Government schemes.

The few men who remain are those lucky enough to have Anderson shelters in their back yards, or those stoics who declare that they are not afraid of what their relatives have suffered so bravely in Chungking and other Chinese cities. So they hang on in their ramshackle little houses of flimsy brickwork and await the bombs with fatalistic indifference.

Some of the Chinese lodging-house keepers remain to enter the Chinese seamen constantly arriving in the London docks in ocean steamers from the Far East.

Seamen Have No Fear
These sailors, having endured calmly the most savage attacks by submarines and Nazi warplanes at sea, face the London raids without fear, or, for that matter, much visible interest.

When, for example, a reporter visited the Chinese Seamen's Lodging House, a raid was in progress and the crackling roar of bursting anti-aircraft shells thundered in the sky above. Shrapnel seemed to be falling thickly all around, and conditions, to say the least, were by no means reassuring.

But, in the doorway of the house

London University used to act as unpaid teachers, and the club soon developed into Chinatown's real social centre.

Now, the laughter of the children no longer sounds within its walls—they are far away in Somersetshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. But the few Chinese elders remaining assemble here periodically to meet the Chinese Consul, who comes down to see that all possible help is being given to the community in their time of trial.

Funds he provides assist those tradesmen who have lost their business to carry on, and he is sometimes able to accelerate the evacuation of those who have no longer any inducement to remain in this heavily damaged district.

Birch For Thefts In War-Time

A threat to use the birch-rod to put down petty thefts in war-time when people were busy on jobs of national importance, was made in St Andrew's Juvenile Court recently by Captain How, who presided when 30 juveniles appeared on various charges of theft and malicious mischief.

"Petty thefts," declared Captain How, "must be kept down in war-time."

He placed several boys on probation for a year when they pleaded guilty to charges brought against them.

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TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

NEW AND FASTER FIGHTERS

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This machine will still further increase British speed supremacy, as the top speed will exceed 400 m.p.h. It is therefore faster than any of the German machines.

The speed claimed for one of the new German fighters, a two-seater Focke-Wulf, is 325 m.p.h. By 1941 standards this is by no means wonderful.

In the fighting over and around Britain since Aug. 8 the R.A.F. have lost an average of 70 aircraft a week, and in these nine weeks about 300 of our airmen have been saved by parachute. In the operations over Germany and enemy-occupied territory about 90 of our aircraft have failed to return.

Production Growing
Production of fighters and bombers is considerably in excess of these losses. Moreover, as the Prime Minister stated on Tuesday, so efficient is our maintenance service that the number of damaged aircraft restored to service by themselves exceed or make good the losses, "so that in many weeks we see the new construction ever expanding as a clear gain."

SECRECY IN COURT

Two long messages written by Felicy Amy Willheim, a 27-year-old Austrian, were produced in court at Maidenhead when she was charged with attempting to commit suicide by gas poisoning.

A reference to "pin-pricks" because she was an enemy subject was made in one of the messages, which were read to the magistrates in a quiet voice by the Clerk (Mr. C. R. Thomas). He afterwards told the police not to allow the Press to "see them."

In another passage Willheim wrote: "We Austrians are not your enemies."

"I have friends in Germany and Austria who are only outwardly Nazi. In their hearts they await the hour of freedom."

"Better dead than in a concentration camp in Nazi Germany." Willheim was placed on probation for 12 months.

DEATH OF DOPEY

Eddie Collins, Hollywood comedian who inspired Dopey the Dwarf in Walt Disney's "Snow White" film, has died.

Collins, an old-time vaudeville star, was chosen as the model for Dopey after Disney saw his act in a burlesque theatre.

NORWAY EXPLOSION

Eight people have been killed in a mysterious explosion at an explosives factory at Hurum, Norway. This is reported by the official Swedish news agency.

The whole building was destroyed. Houses miles away were shaken.

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Blunt Speech By Grew On U.S.—Japan Relationship

Mr Joseph C. Grew, American Ambassador to Tokyo, provided another sensation before the American-Japan Society luncheon yesterday when he followed a speech by Mr Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, with extemporaneous remarks, reminding the Foreign Minister and the large crowd that Americans were interested primarily in facts and actions regardless of the persuasive garb in which they might be dressed.

Mr Matsuoka made a long speech at the luncheon, which the Society gave as a farewell to the recently appointed Ambassador to Washington, Admiral Nomura. He declared that America misunderstood Japan's objectives which time would justify.

Tokyo, Dec. 19. Admiral Nomura spoke but briefly, saying: "I am a plain sailor and a complete stranger to elegant society. Being aware of that ignorance, I at first declined the offer of the Ambassadorship. However, we felt frankly disturbed by the ominous trend of affairs which, if left unchecked, might possibly bring about acute tension between two countries which have no reason to quarrel, but every reason to remain friends. The light has gone out in Europe. Let us, then—Japan and America—guard the peace of the Pacific."

Mr Grew, introducing Mr Matsuoka, did not touch on Japanese-American relations, confining himself to remarks about Mr Matsuoka, saying: "Neither of us has much use for old school formula and the restraints of diplomatic intercourse. Thus we know where each stands and agree or disagree with frank objectivity."

Mr Matsuoka, asserting that Admiral Nomura was not a professional diplomat but a highly gifted diplomat, said: "In the person of our new Ambassador the American people will find a true Japanese and a vehicle of international trust and confidence. We must recover confidence among nations; that is what the world so badly needs at this moment. The appointment of Admiral Nomura is an eloquent indication of what my Government has in mind in regard to Japan's relations with America."

"I owe it to candour to admit that the relations between our two countries are severely strained at this moment. The fundamental cause of such deterioration is American apprehension concerning Japan's aims and aspirations."

Mr Matsuoka then, as in the recent interview granted to foreign correspondents, asserted that Japan was not waging an imperialist war in China but was striving for the establishment of an era of enduring peace and unlimited prosperity in Greater East Asia and would not be deflected from her settled course whatever the pressure.

Asserting that Japan's ideal was to enable all the nations to take their proper places in the world, Mr Matsuoka said: "It is my humble opinion that the world should be reorganised and reformed in a more rational way, as crystals are formed according to the law of nature. The alliance pact concluded by Japan, Germany and Italy points to the same goal."

larger attendance even than last year when Mr Grew, upon returning from America, told the Society of American opinion regarding Japan. The speaker's table included the former Ambassador to Washington, Mr Horinouchi and Mr Debusch and other dignitaries.—United Press.

Appeal to Common Sense

Tokyo, Dec. 19. An impassioned appeal for patience towards Japan "which is not waging an imperialist war of greed against China" was made by the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, speaking at a farewell luncheon given by the Japan-American Society in honour of Admiral K. Nomura, the newly-appointed Ambassador to America, to-day.

Mr Matsuoka declared: "We stand for peace and order. We shut the door nowhere and to none. Mind you, there shall be no conquest, no oppression, no exploitation under the New Order which we conceive."

Contrary to impressions current in America and elsewhere, the Foreign Minister stated that Japan was endeavouring to initiate an era of enduring peace and unlimited prosperity based on justice, equity and mutualism in Greater East Asia. "We only desire on the one hand to be left alone so we may carry out our constructive work unhindered, and on the other hand to see the trouble in China and the war in Europe brought speedily to an end without adding more participants, particularly such a powerful one as America," he declared.

He appealed to the "common sense" of the Japanese and American peoples "to maintain calm judgment and quiet self-restraint in the face of an appalling, unprecedented world situation."

When Mr Matsuoka had finished Mr Grew rose and thanked him for an enlightening address and declared that there were some points on which they were all in accord—the desire for peace, calm judgment and Admiral Nomura's mission to improve relations.

"Other points are open, to controversy," the American Ambassador said, "but I won't deal with those in particular. However I think I must relieve the Foreign Minister of the misapprehension that the interests of the American people in China are largely sentimental."

"I have also taken note of the Minister's statement that Japan has shut the door nowhere and to none and that she will not countenance conquest or oppression. Mr Matsuoka has lived long enough in America to know that the American people are fundamentally peace-minded, but they are firmly determined on certain matters—their obligations and rights. He also knows that with the American people the only thing that counts are facts and actions, regardless of the persuasive garb in which they may be dressed."

"Let us say of nations as well as individuals 'By their fruits ye shall know them'."

The meeting was the largest in the Society's history and attracted a

REFUGEE CHILDREN

Appeal For Funds For Relief In Colony

An appeal for funds by the Finance Committee of the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children has been launched with a goal of \$50,000.

Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities the number of homeless refugee children has increased and relief work has become a problem of great importance. Efforts to alleviate the suffering of these children are being carried on by the community of Hongkong, but the present relief measures have been hardly adequate to accommodate the increasing number of war orphans seeking the sanctuary of this Colony.

It is proposed to co-ordinate the activities of the Association with the Rural Home and Orphanage at Taiipo, and the War Refugee Children's Industrial Home in Aberdeen, and it is proposed to allot at least \$10,000 or more to make up the deficit in the budget of these two institutions for the coming year, as the war situation abroad precludes the prospect of continued support from sources on which these institutions hitherto relied.

The balance of funds raised will be used to provide accommodation for 200 more orphan boys and girls by enlarging existing institutions or by inviting the Salvation Army to supervise a new home.

Donations may be sent to the Association at No. 24 Wing Lok Street, Hongkong.

Bomber Fund Increasing

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Only small parcels of shares changed hands as the firmness of the market continues, buyers predominating.

| Buyers | |
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| Canton Ins. | \$100 |
| Union Ins. | \$397.50 |
| Wharves | \$90 |
| Docks "O" | \$18.20 |
| Docks "N" | \$17.60 |
| Providents | \$5.60 |
| Hotels | \$3.50 |
| Trams | \$17.65 |
| Star Ferries | \$61 |
| Lights "O" | C.D. \$7.45 |
| Lights "N" | C.D. \$7.15 |
| Roads | \$7.05 |
| Dairy Farms | \$10.15 |
| Watsons | \$10.50 |
| Entertainments | \$7 |
| Constructions "O" | \$1.60 |
| Sellers | |
| Lights "O" | C.D. \$7.50 |
| Electrics "O" | \$40.50 |
| Telephones "N" | \$10.50 |
| Vibro Piling | \$7.70 |
| Sales | |
| H.K. Banks | \$1,370 |
| Union Ins. | \$397.50 |
| Docks "O" | \$18.25/50 |
| Docks "N" | \$17.75 |
| Providents | \$5.65 |
| Lights "O" | C.D. \$7.50 |
| Lights "N" | C.D. \$7.15 |
| Telephones "O" | \$25.75 |
| Telephones "N" | \$10.25 |

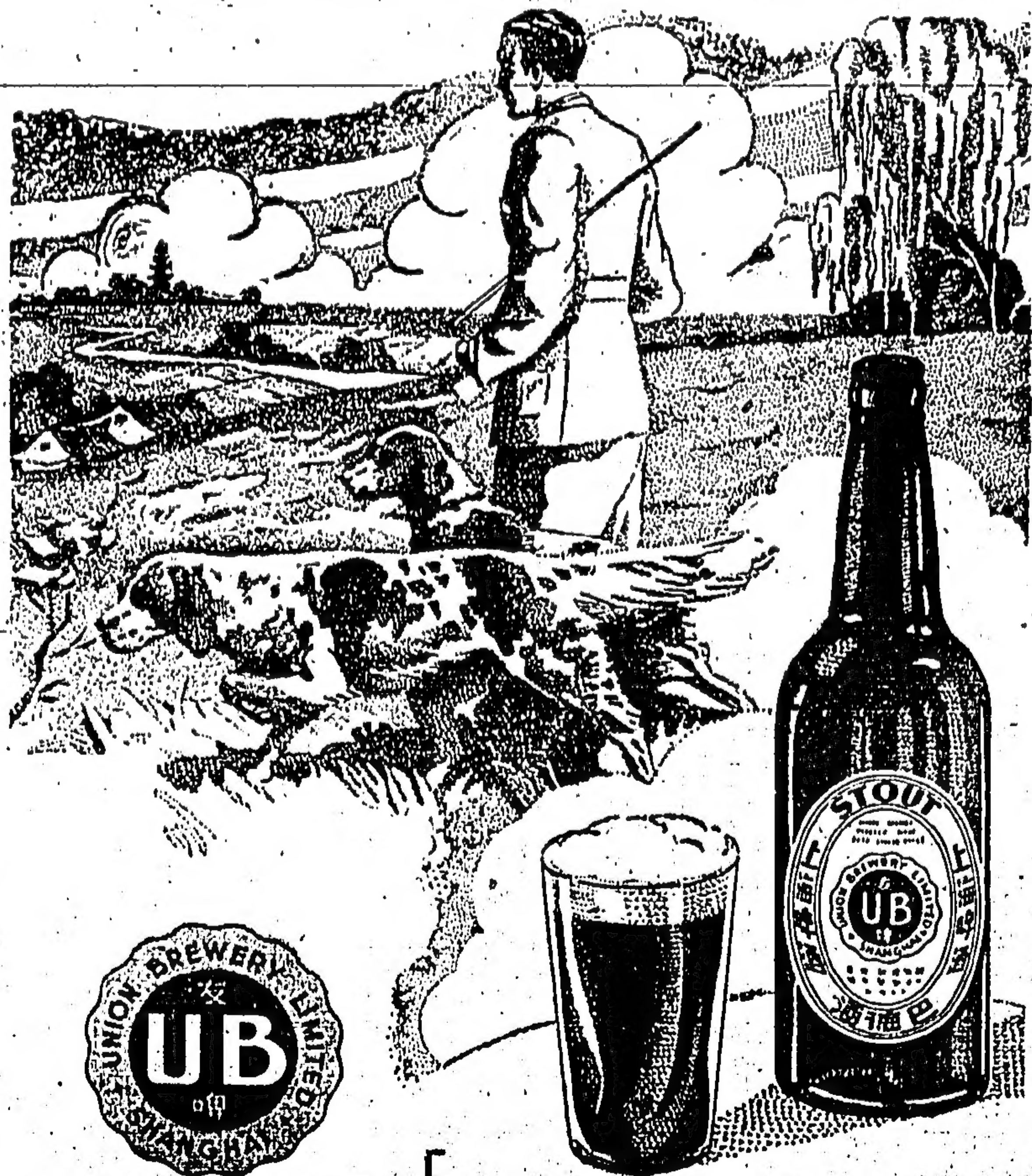
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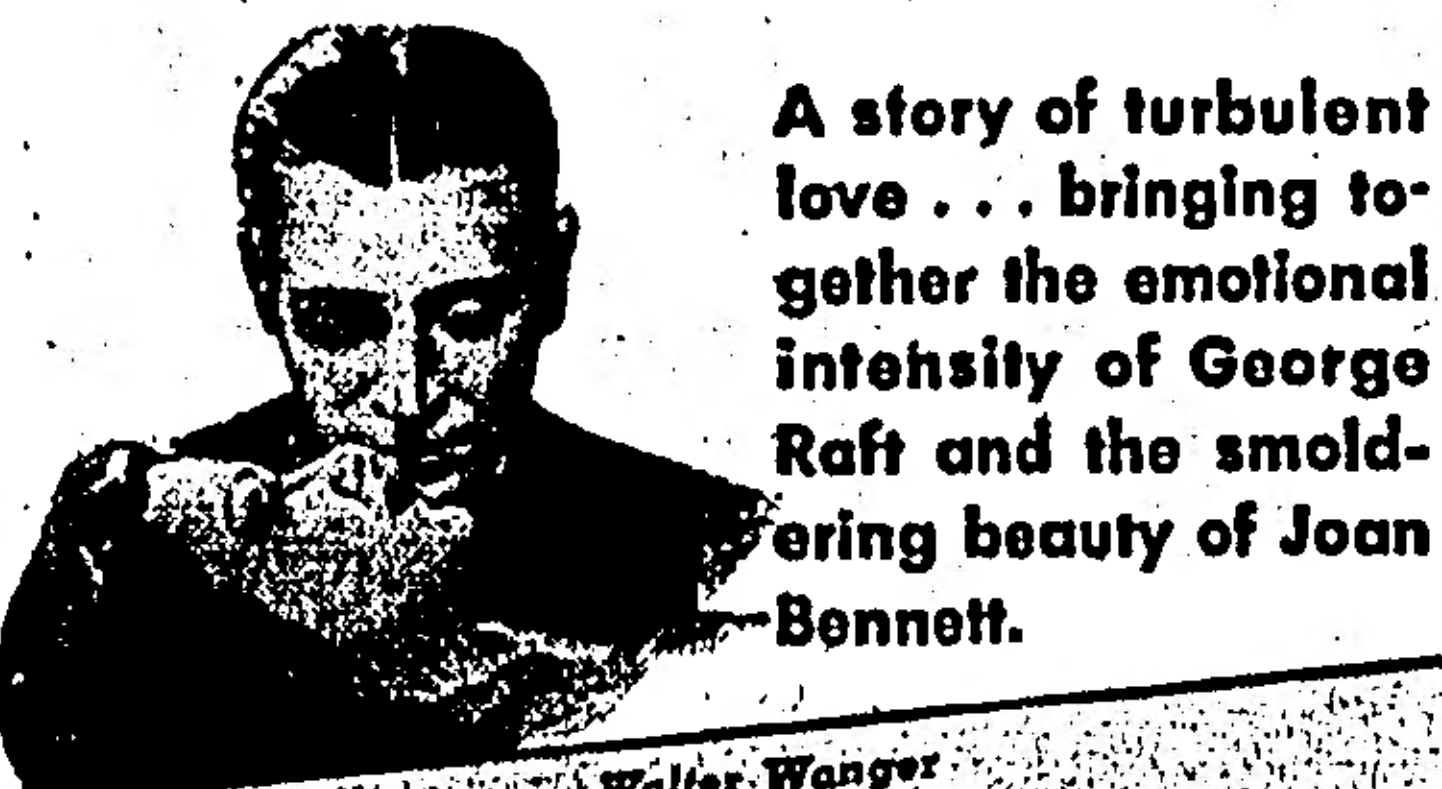
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BRITAIN WELL GUARDED

FROM PAGE ONE

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"Nevertheless we must remember that Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I do not want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power, and he has great need of doing something in the near future."

Eire Watches West Ports

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter). The ports of Galway and Sligo on the west coast of Eire are placed under total military control by an order made to-day by the Minister of Defence.

The step appears to be the continuation of the Eirean policy of preparedness against an invader. Special defence measures have been in operation since the capitulation of France and, since July, the ports of Dublin, Cork, Kingstown, Bantry Bay and Lough Swilly have been under military direction.

Nazi Troops In Italy Doubted

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The reports of German troops in Italy and even in Libya, lack confirmation in London where they are regarded with considerable reserve. The reports were received on the Italian frontier where diplomatic sources spoke of five to six divisions. An American correspondent just arrived from Rome, says that there was no evidence of German troops when he left and that the Italian people would greatly resent the presence of large numbers of foreign troops on Italian territory.

Concentrations Reported

BELGRADE, Dec. 19 (UP).—Authoritative sources said the Germans have concentrated at Turin and Taranto, but no figures are available. Eye-witnesses report that German troops were sighted going southward through Brenner Pass.

Toxic Poisoning Of Lord Lothian

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian's death was due to toxic poisoning which affected his heart, according to accounts received from the Embassy in Washington. This statement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

Volcano Eruption

KOMORO, Dec. 19 (Dome).—A violent shock was registered along the foothills of Mount Asama at 8.46 this morning and the volcano is believed to have erupted. The volcano's summit, however, was invisible, being shrouded in low-hanging snow clouds.

ENORMOUS BRITISH ORDERS

FROM PAGE ONE

be welcomed in Britain as a great and noble gesture, thinks the "Times," but as offering a method all the more brilliant because of its simplicity in getting over the embarrassing difficulty.

No one on this side of the Atlantic, adds the "Times," imagined that the United States would let us lose the war by withholding, over a question of dollars, such arms as she was able to supply. "The difficulty was technical but nonetheless serious since the critical testing time cannot be many months ahead when we will need every ship, plane and tank that we can acquire."

The paper goes on to predict that there will be some opposition in America to the plan, but "on the other hand there will be many who will hail it as the first opportunity in a world be-deviled by finance and who will be enormously relieved by the prospect that at the end of the war the world will be spared the nightmare of unpayable war debts and reparations which, after 1918, helped to produce such conditions as made social unrest, Hitlerism and war almost inevitable."

BUND IN AMERICA

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The seizure of the records of the German-American Bund here and the Teutonia Publishing Company, has been ordered by a judge of the Municipal Court.

Bund concerns are being sued for non-payment of personal property taxes. The theft of an anchor, valued at \$150, from a British ship in the harbour yesterday has been reported to the Police.

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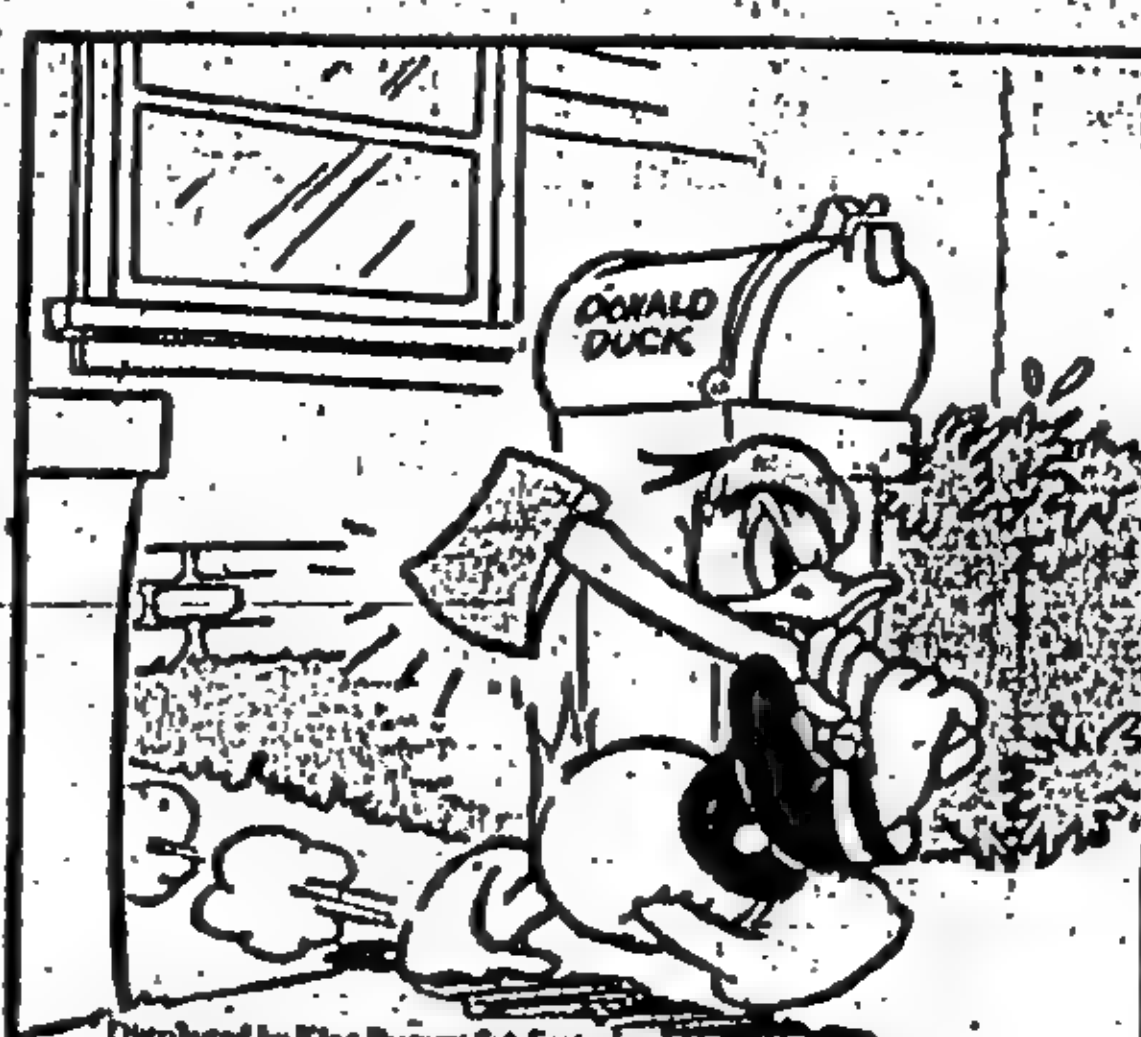
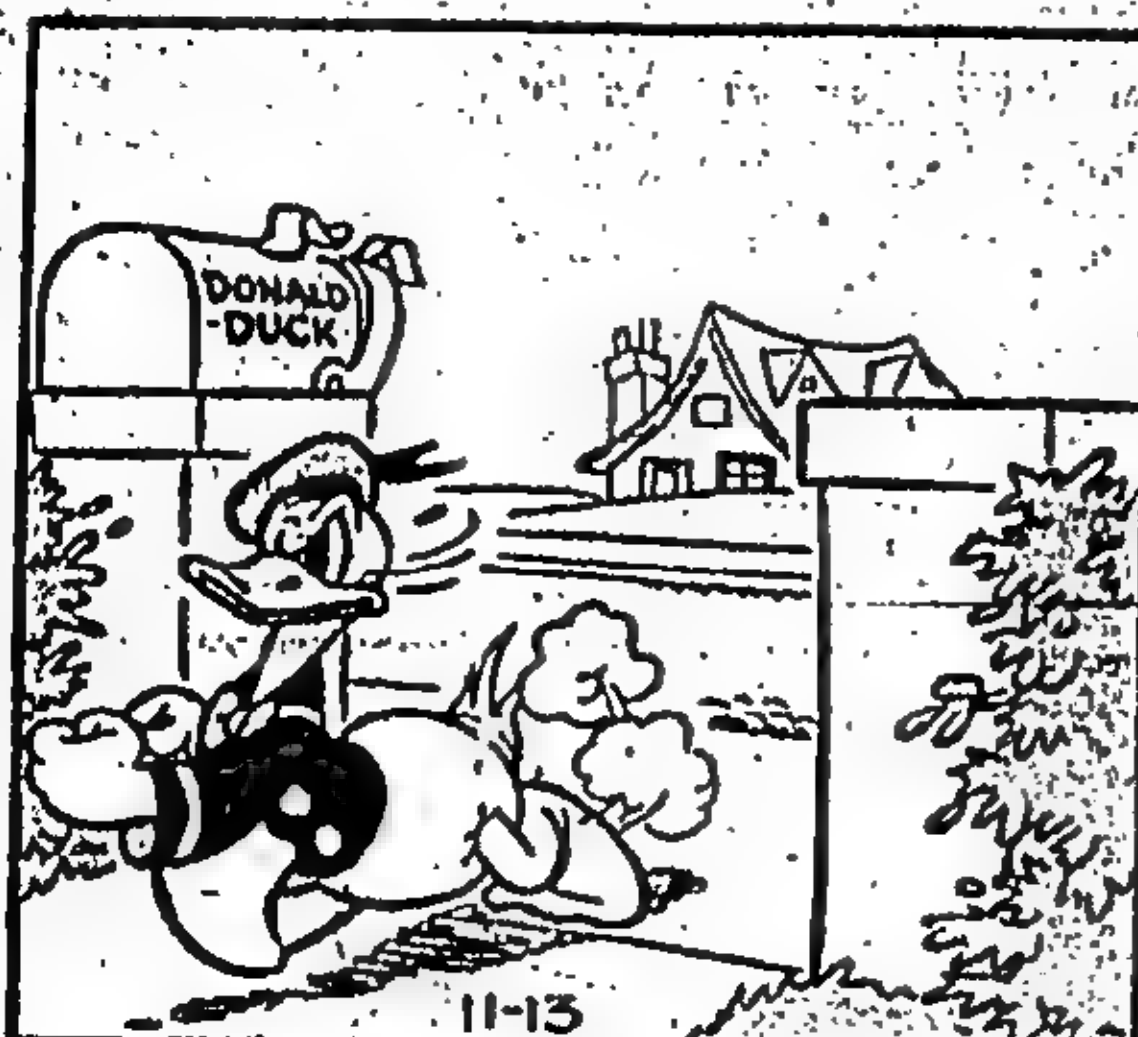
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WHY is this picture so interesting to the medical men? What is there in the photograph of a little girl, with what looks like her baby brother, and a doll?

The answer is that this is a picture of the youngest mother in the world, with her son, aged fifteen months.

Linda Medina, of Peru, is just six years old.

Her story is one of the medical mysteries of the world. She has just arrived in Chicago, where America's doctors will try to determine the astonishing facts of her case.

The baby boy was born, on the operating table, in a South American hospital, while sixty doctors and scientists watched the "miracle."

Lina Medina, half-Indian, half-Spanish, was five years old and only three feet tall when she gave birth to a perfect male child, weighing six pounds.

Nobody thought that mother, or child would survive, but both have grown and flourished and to-day are quite normal.

The natives of the mountain village where Lina Medina lived regard the event as witchcraft, but doctors all over the world have watched this case with intense interest, for, of recent years, there has been a great deal of research into the ages at which women can bear children.

IN British countries child marriages are not only discouraged. They are actually forbidden by law. No girl may marry under the age of sixteen.

But the fact remains that even in civilised Britain girls under that age are having to face the responsibilities of motherhood. It is a grave social problem—so far-reaching in its complications that a famous British woman surgeon has investigated it in all its aspects.

She has just published the results of a seven-year investigation into the cases of very young mothers.

Her findings are astonishing and seem to upset many old theories and beliefs.

So much so, in fact, that the surgeon, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, who is senior medical officer of the general hospitals department of the London County Council, states, in a paper in "The Lancet," the famous medical journal, that she is no advocate of such early motherhood.



THE most amazing case brought to light by Dr. Fairfield's investigation was the story of the youngest mother in London, probably the youngest in Britain.

She was thirteen years and three months. And the alleged father was only thirteen.

Of his paternity there cannot be complete certainty, but all facts seemed to prove it, and the boy himself had, it seems, no doubt at all, for he even went so far as to borrow his older brother's long trousers and bowler hat, in order to visit his child, in proper style.

THE child of this union was six pounds in weight when born, had a cleft palate, but was otherwise quite normal and healthy.

The babies, as a matter of fact, seemed to do less well than the mothers.

The average weight of the seventy-four was six pounds fourteen ounces, which is less than normal birth weight for children in Britain to-day.

Two babies were stillborn, three died at birth, five had deformities of various kinds.

This tends to suggest that there may be a special liability to deformities in the children of very young mothers, says Dr. Fairfield's report.

On the medical and surgical aspects of these young mothers the investigation shows that previous fears about very early childbirth may need to be revised.

Doctors have been surprised to learn that arrival of these babies was very normal, surgical assistance being only very slightly over the rate that is usual in all the hospitals concerned.

The labours were, with few exceptions, short and easy to an unusual degree, and complications, especially in what doctors term the third stage of a birth, were rare.

No case of mental or nervous breakdown on the part of any of the seventy-four mothers has been traced to date.

DR Fairfield records that in the sixty-four cases where the method of feeding was noted, fifty-eight babies were breast-fed wholly or in part at the time of leaving the hospital.

More than one-third of these very youthful mothers surprised the doctors by delivering their babies in less than twelve hours, a remarkable record for first births, which seldom take less than eighteen hours.

For example, a young professional dancer, aged fifteen, had a baby, weighing 8lb. 14oz. after a labour of 3 hours 45 minutes, the second stage lasting only 1 hour 15 minutes.

The third stage was in all cases completed in thirty minutes or less, without any aid or interference. In fifty-seven out of the seventy-three cases in which there were time records, the period in the third stage was fifteen

minutes or less. No instance of serious damage was noted.

FOLLOWING Dr. Fairfield's investigations, the doctors of Britain and America are watching the strange case of six-year-old Lina Medina with great interest.

On the question of who is the father of her baby son there is still profound mystery.

Lina's mother, Donna Loza, a stolid peasant of the Andes, said at the time that she believed that Lina was bitten by a snake called "Tiracha," which, according to Indian legend, holds strange power over women, sometimes creeping up on them and sinking its fangs into them as they sleep in the open air.

Lina often slept in the open air in her mountain village.

HER father also has a theory. He says that there is a pool up in the mountains called "the pool of birth." Those who bathe in it find the power to create new life.

Lina used to bathe in this pool.

The doctors in Chicago, who have been waiting to see Lina Medina for a year, will try to solve the mystery of a birth that has baffled the medical world.

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Relieves Boredom

One passenger remembered the old London County Council steamers on the river.

"I've always thought it would be nice to see them back again," he said. "But it's odd that it should take a war to bring 'em out again. Still, it adds a new zest to the boring process of getting to work."

Crossword Puzzle

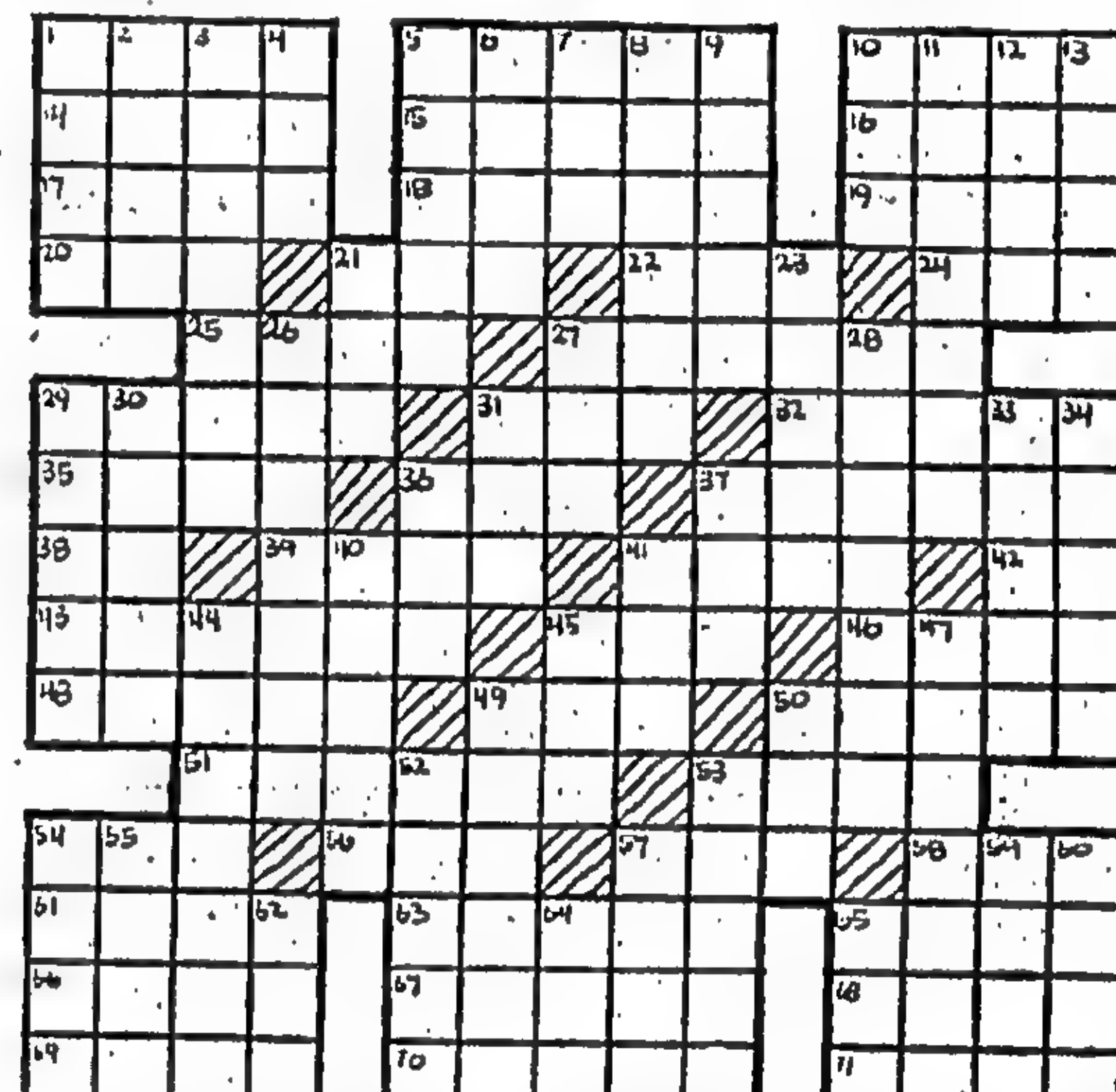
By LAWS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Recently died
- Human property
- Meets here
- Paragraph
- Woods
- Worse navigator
- 375 herrings
- Turn aside
- Extant
- Insect
- Before
- Orkney Islands bay
- Sea eagle
- Large tree
- Turns back
- Openings in skin
- Dance step
- Metric quart
- Ends of suture's rings
- Weapon
- Chick
- Building wings
- Japanese musical instrument
- Floating ice block
- Lave
- Household
- Hebrew title
- Is wrong
- Show business
- Father
- Clot up
- Required
- Pail to his
- Human
- Body of water
- Complete outfit
- Period of time
- Corrosive substance

DOWN

- 1-Italian coins
- The sun's disk
- Polish preciously
- Printer's units
- Heavenly bodies
- Wash
- Wish
- Rhythmic
- Use legally
- Beverage
- How
- Lead over
- Devious twisting place
- Sol. nebula
- Amount that leaks
- Male sheep
- Tropical trees
- Attack
- Professional (col.)
- Strive up
- Debutante (col.)
- Italy
- Devoiced
- Debutante (col.)
- Architectural
- Evil
- Female goats
- Unit of light
- Love-colored
- More lifeless
- Island
- Island
- Treated
- Metric unit
- Male's nickname
- Unit of area
- Unit
- Tumult
- Longish quon
- Of the (French pl.)
- Girl's name
- Precious stone



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THE NEW SITUATION

SOME three weeks ago the "Telegraph" voiced the possibility that Italy would have to be wary of German domination of her own territory if she was unable to make a success of her self-chosen campaigns overseas in North Africa and Greece. Since then the weaker end of the Axis has been very roughly used by the British and Greeks and the inevitable rumours of armistice and Nazi troops arriving to lend assistance have found their way into print with, of course, immediate denials. The position has changed so radically that the entire aspect of the war in the Middle East has to be looked at from another angle and with that goes a reconstruction of the Axis spring campaign with its new implications for Britain and France.

General Graziani would seem to have encompassed his own downfall by extending his lines against weak British opposition to Sidi Barrani when he had no intention of going further. If he had kept his enormous forces in Libya they would have tied British forces to Egypt effectively, but by seeking the prestige of an easy advance he put himself in a position from which he has been driven out with substantial physical and moral losses.

In our case it will be worth while attempting to drive the Italians right out of North Africa because we have a fleet that can keep them out. Abyssinia, Italian Somaliland and former British Somaliland can, at the present, be ignored as they will eventually fall into our hands when we are completely successful in Libya. There is every possibility that by then the Free French movement will have claimed present provisory parts of North Africa; certainly no active hostility need be feared from those territories.

Winter and the Greeks are giving the Italians a great deal of punishment in Albania and they can look for no relief. The Royal Air Force will deliver harder blows as more machines become available and the Greek military machine—which despite its successes did not lay claim to the preparedness of its Axis elements—will become more efficient and numerous.

A question to decide will be whether to meet German assistance with corresponding British support for the Greeks with the risk of turning the Balkans into a major battlefield. Hitler will no doubt remember that his cousin Joseph will be on hand in any such game to take over the old place of land here and there, and that is not at all to his liking. Hitler must ensure that he has not antagonised Stalin when he strains all his resources to invade Britain, or when Britain breaks in his front door. Italy, well established in Greece, would have proved her worth and could have been given a large share of the spoils of France. To set herself up in the Balkans as Hitler's lieutenant, to pacify the worried small nations there and even to stiffen them into a bloc strong enough to keep Stalin's hands

Limiting Factors In Air Warfare

By "Britannicus"

Every Englishman is to-day an amateur strategist in air warfare. He is bound to be so. His daily routine depends on the course of the war which he hears—and sometimes sees—going on over his head.

Few amateur commentators, however, take fully into account what is perhaps the most important of all aspects of air warfare. This is the existence of a chain of separate limitations on the volume of a belligerent's air attack.

Consider a day in the life of a bombing aeroplane which is due to make a night attack on enemy territory. It is closely overhauled by mechanics. It is loaded with bombs and its tanks filled with petrol. It is taxied out to the run-way, and its crew climb aboard. It waits its turn to take off while other planes taking part in the operations sail away into the night. For hours it flies through varying weather conditions; it reaches its goal, drops its bombs, and returns. On the aerodrome the ground-crew again take over, and the cycle begins again.

SEVEN POINTS

A simple routine, yet it indicates at least seven limiting factors upon the volume of air attack which can be consistently mounted by any belligerent power. They are:

- Total number of aircraft possessed
- Supply of pilots and air crews
- Supply of skilled ground crews and repairers
- Supply of bombs or other ammunition
- Supply of petrol fuel
- Number and size of available aerodromes

ACCUSED OF THREE MURDERS

Woman's 'Lapses of Memory'

A woman charged with triple murder at the Old Bailey recently was stated to be suffering from lapses of memory.

She was Mrs Florence Iris Ouida Ransom, 34-year-old secretary of Piddington, near Bicester, and the defence successfully applied for her trial to be postponed until next sessions.

Mrs Ransom is charged with the murder of Mrs Dorothy Sanders Fisher (46), her daughter, Miss Freda Ann Fisher (20), and their housekeeper, Miss Charlotte Saunders (48), who were found dead with gunshot wounds in a cottage named Crittenden, at Matfield, near Tonbridge, on July 9.

Mr Stuart Homer, defending, said he made the application so that Mrs Ransom might be examined by an independent neurologist with a view to ascertaining her medical history.

Judge's Reply

She had been in several hospitals, and the defence was trying to trace those records. He had been instructed that the medical history dated almost from her birth.

Mr Justice Hallott: Hysteria and a desire for publicity, or what?

Mr Homer: No, my lord. Lapses of memory which may be due to a basic source.

The judge replied that he did not understand lapses of memory.

off them while Hitler was busy on the other side of Europe.

These dreams are shattered now and the "new order" must find itself a big part yet in the outcome of this war. The Nazis would cripple the best part of their fighting machine in attempting to enslave the whole of France, so that conciliation is necessary to save more expenditure of force and to retain the obedience of French overseas possessions.



FEARNAUGHTS AND CROSSES

Distance to be covered in reaching vital enemy objectives

Obviously each limiting factor has also a "quality component"—the skill of the personnel, speed and reliability of planes, scientific quality of fuel and armament, location of aerodromes, weather normally encountered en route. These, however, are short run, they are determined and unchangeable. They cannot be turned into bottlenecks choking the whole effort of air attack.

Each of the quantitative factors may become a bottleneck. It will avail an air force nothing if it has an immense number of aircraft, all the petrol and bombs it wants, plenty of good advanced aerodromes, yet is short of trained pilots. The pilots will be impotent if they are not matched by adequate ground crews.

AERODROME FACTOR

One bottleneck which may be critically important is little realised by the public. This is the aerodrome factor. It comes to everyone's notice in extreme cases, such as the Norway campaign, when the Allied forces were overwhelmingly outnumbered by the German air force. The German air force was handicapped by having no aerodromes whatever; but it is constantly operating to limit action in the air.

A modern heavy bomber needs a long take-off into the wind. One run-way of a great aerodrome alone may be used.

The total number of minutes during which aeroplanes can take off from that aerodrome on a particular operation is restricted by the distance that they must cover during darkness, or by other circumstances. Divide that number by the necessary time-interval between each take-off, and you have the number of aeroplanes that can take part in the action from that aerodrome. It may be 40 or 50—a large number, but a limiting factor when operations are conceived in terms of several hundreds.

ESSENCE OF MATTER

This is only an illustration. The essence of the matter is that an enemy air force may be crippled by narrowing any one of the bottlenecks, however wide may be the others. Here is one of the prime elements in present-day air warfare. The attacks on German petrol supplies by the British Air Force are an outstanding example of these tactics. By this means, to everyone's notice in extreme cases, such as the Norway campaign, when the Allied forces were overwhelmingly outnumbered by the German air force. The German air force was handicapped by having no aerodromes whatever; but it is constantly operating to limit action in the air.

Squabble Over Antarctica

(By United Press Science Service)
It begins to look as though Antarctica and its penguins will have to be parcelled out at last to nations of the earth when surviving powers reshuffle territorial possessions after this war.

No less than ten countries, including now Chile and Argentina, have put in claims for pie-shaped wedges or other areas of Antarctica. Claims overlap and clash, as in the case of Nazi Germany mapping and planting flags in 230,000 square miles of the Far South in 1939, in the same region where Norway not long before had proclaimed sovereignty and given the name Crown Princess Martha Land.

Despite first reports that Chile has laid claim to a sector including Little America, the area between 53 and 90 degrees West Longitude is actually east of Little America, mainly in the Falkland sector of the Antarctic pie. This brings Chile into conflict with claims of Great Britain and Chile's own neighbour, Argentina.

Parts of the vast Antarctic continent, seemingly so remote from world conflicts, are claimed by Norway, Germany, France, Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Chile, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. It is generally expected that eventually an international commission will gather to decide the knotty problem of cutting the continent into pie wedges, or breaking it into irregular chunks and awarding the pieces.

Divided Like A Pie

Countries that border the South Polar continent lean to the argument that the continent should be divided like a pie, and sectors awarded to the nearest nations. If such nations claim them, Chile and Argentina are pressing this point, though as rivals.

Countries that have engaged in discovery and scientific exploration on the Antarctic continent argue that the land should be parcelled out to countries that have discovered, mapped and explored it, as other continents have been.

Nations claiming Antarctica are running true to form in making grand gestures, as discovering nations always have done. Chile claims a sector of Antarctica on the grounds that the Chilean Andes mountains submerge and then rise again as part of the Antarctic continent, and therefore even in Antarctica these mountains are part of Chile.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Got any crutches, Buddy?"



PORCH RECEPTION—Joyous neighbours form an election victory parade and call on President Roosevelt at his home in Hyde Park, N. Y. In front of the white-columned, gray stone house, he and his family assemble on the porch. He is indicated by arrow. Mrs Roosevelt and his mother were in group.

FIVE CHILDREN TORPEDOED

Father Joins Up Again

Mr James Grimmond, 42, of York-place, Lilford-road, Coldharbour-lane, Brixton, S.W., five of whose children are reported dead in a liner recently torpedoed, is to rejoin the Army, in which he served in the last war.

"This is not war," he said. "It is sheer cold-blooded murder, and all I ask is for a front-line job."

Mrs Grimmond, his wife, said: "If Hitler thinks he can beat us this way he has made a mistake. I for one am more determined to see this thing through to an end than ever before."

Mr and Mrs Grimmond had a family of 10 children. Sometime ago their home was destroyed by a direct hit, from a bomb, but they were in their Anderson shelter and escaped. The five children now reported dead—Augusta, 13½, Violet 11, Constance 8, Edward 8 and Leonard 5—were already due to leave, and they left to join the liner the following morning.

Mr Grimmond joined the Army at the age of 10 in 1914 as a machine-gunner in the King's Royal Rifles, and was taken prisoner at St Quentin on March 21, 1918.

Hitler's 200,000 Men In Mexico

Mr. Elliot Roosevelt, son of the American President, asserted in a speech recently that Germany was financing an organisation of 200,000 men in Mexico known as "The Red Militia."

"The danger that confronts this country doesn't lie all the way across the ocean," he said.

He Wants To Take The Isle Of Man

CLAIMS to British islands which, he declared, were necessary for Norway's "living space" were made recently by Hr. Lunde, the new Norwegian Minister of Propaganda, in a speech broadcast from Oslo.

He claimed that Norwegian pioneers, once colonised the islands in the North Sea and the Orkneys, the Isle of Man and parts of Northern Ireland, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland.

"Lead The North"

With emphasis on Greenland, Hr. Lunde said: "Denmark secured Greenland through the Treaty of Kiel, which was the Versailles of the North. Norway never recognised the validity of this pact."

"Since Europe will be rearranged, the Norwegians must return to their position in their hereditary vital space. Norway must become the leading country of the North."

Amplification Of Coup In Tangier By Spain

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Firm words about the situation in Tangier were used by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr R. A. Butler) when replying in a House of Commons debate on the position of the International Zone.

The Labourite, Mr F. Seymour Coombs, who initiated the debate, said that the situation was a very grave one and demanded even more drastic steps by Britain to preserve the neutrality and unfortified character of Tangier.

After reviewing the developments leading up to the dissolution of the International administration, Mr Butler said that as a result of the further coup of December 19, "the most definite language is being used by the local Consul General at Tangier and by the British Ambassador, both to the authorities in Tangier and to the Spanish Government in Madrid."

"We are particularly anxious to know what is the practical effect of the general assurances about British subjects which were given at the beginning of December, and we are concerning ourselves about the future of the British personnel in the administration."

1,700 Britons Concerned

"Not only have British officials received this treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities but also foreign officials of other nations concerned who are for the most part French or Italian. Similar treatment has been meted out to all. There are some 1,700 British residents in Tangier and it is about these that we have received some assurances and about the officials, we are making strong and definite representations in negotiations which are now proceeding."

"Signatories of the Statute are France, Spain, United Kingdom and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Sweden are adherents. But I understand that the Netherlands and Belgium have protested with us against the Spanish action."

"Meanwhile we have informed the Swedish and Portuguese governments of the action we are taking. The United States is fully aware of the position and there is contact between us."

Consul For Madrid

Mr Butler disclosed that the British Consul General at Tangier had been invited to proceed at once to Madrid to assist Sir Samuel Hoare in his discussions with the Spanish Government. This illustrated the importance attached to the discussions at present in progress. Mr Butler said that it had been the policy of the British Government to encourage Spain to adopt an independent policy and despite the propaganda put about by Britain's enemies and by any steps which they might take to give a false impression of the British Government's attitude, that remained her policy.

"Spain can be independent if her people are properly guided," he added.

Honour For Chief Justice

St John Order

The insignia of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem was presented to the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. E. Norton at an investiture at Government House yesterday.

On the dais in the ballroom were the Assistant Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Association and Lieut. J. P. Gunner, Lieut. B. A. Fergus and Flight Lieut. M. N. Oxford, Naval, Military and Air Force Aides-de-Camp to the Governor.

Among those present were the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grassett, the Commodore, Captain A. C. Collinson, Wing-Commander T. S. Horry, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and officers of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

Mr E. M. Raymond said: "I present to you a Postulant, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Knight Bachelor, Chief Justice of Hongkong, whose admission to the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem as a Commander of the Order has been sanctioned by the King, the Sovereign Head of the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the said Venerable Order."

The Acting Governor replied: "Sir Atholl MacGregor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by His Majesty, the Sovereign Head of the Order, I am about to present to you the insignia of a Commander of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in the British Realm. Be loyal to your Sovereign, true to your honour and faithful to the Order."

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Sir Atholl MacGregor, accompanied by his supporters, Sir Robert Hottel and Mr Ho Kom-long, Knight Commanders of the Order, then mounted the dais to receive the insignia.

Honour For Marines In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

Rear-Admiral W. A. Glasford, Commander of the American Navy's Yangtze Patrol, decorated the Standard of the United States 4th Marines with a five-starred red battle streamer in an impressive ceremony on the Raccourse to-day. The steamer was presented in accordance with a Marine Corps order issued in Washington for service in Mexico in 1914, Santo Domingo in 1916, Mexico in 1916, Santo Domingo in 1917, the Yangtze service from 1937 to 1939, and China from 1927 to 1934. It is the first award of this nature received by the 4th Marines.

Col. Dewitt Peck, Commanding Officer of the Marines, received the decoration on behalf of the regiment.—Reuter.

VALUABLE BRACELET LOST

A diamond bracelet set in platinum, valued at £400, was lost between Dina House, Duddell Street, and the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables yesterday. The bracelet is believed to have been insured.

WAH YAN COLLEGE

Dr S. N. Chau will distribute the prizes at the annual prize giving of Wah Yan College in the College Hall on Saturday at 5.30 p.m.

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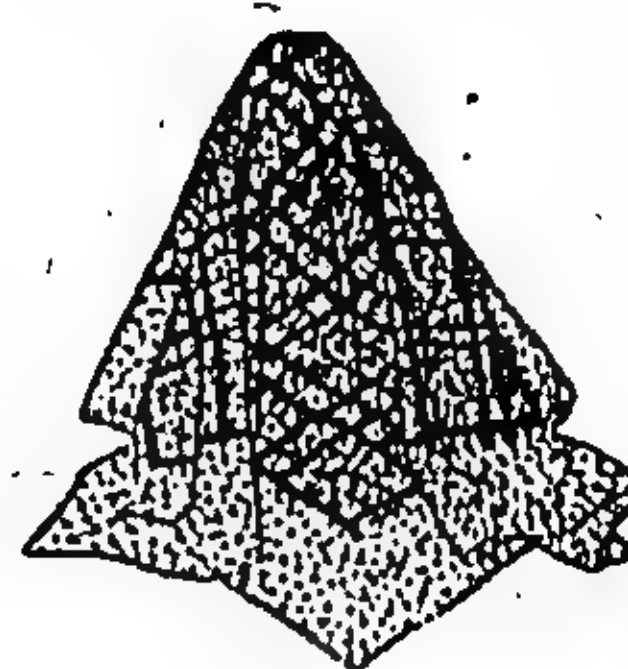
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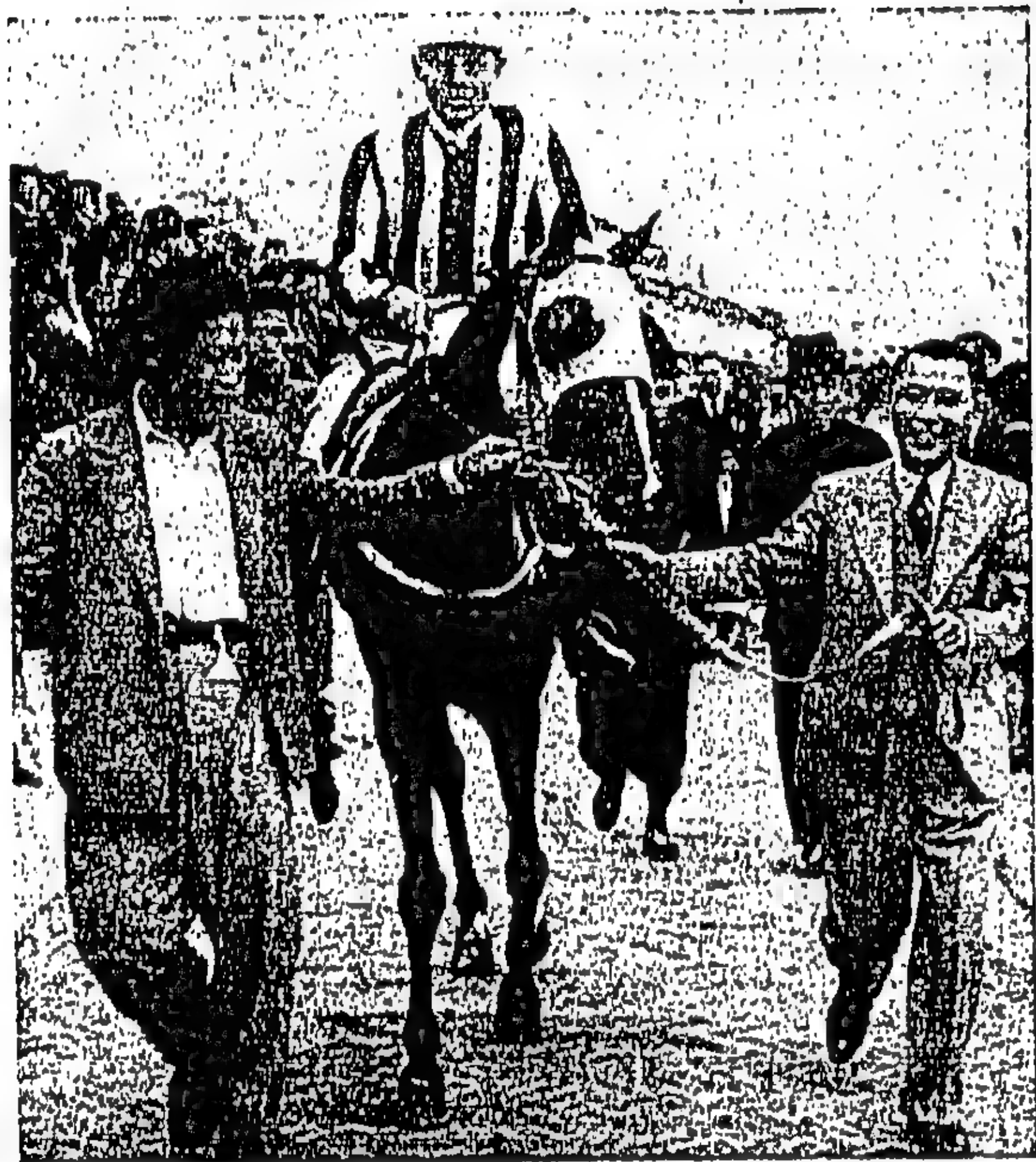
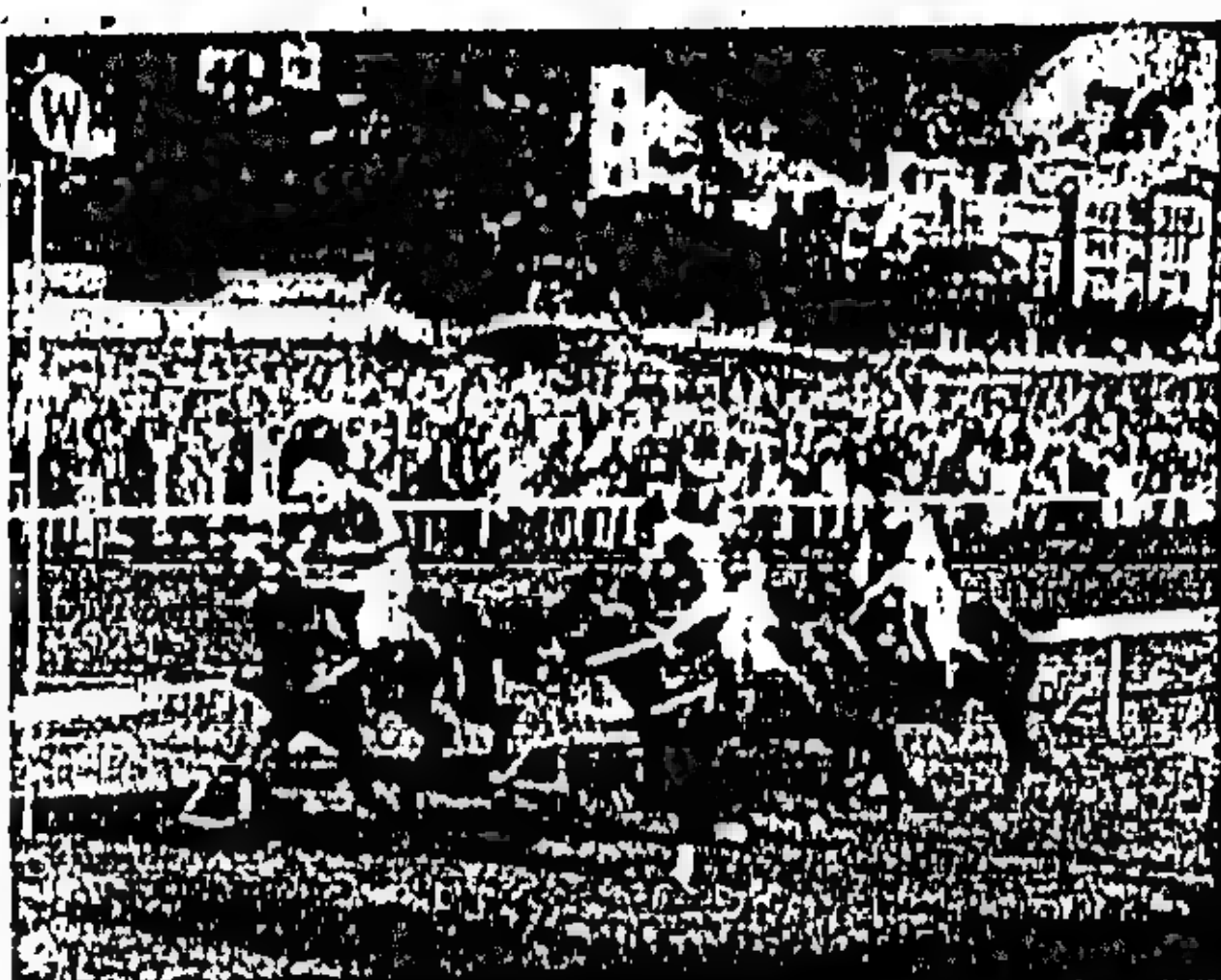
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Splendid Sport At Final 1940 Meeting

A Fine Finish

The finish of the Hongkong Autumn Champions, Confusion Bay (below) being led in after winning. One length separated the first and last ponies, and provided as great a thrill as could be desired. — Ming Yuen.



Mrs A. E. Grasett's Name On Roll Of Honour

ADOPTING a different strategy Mr Davis made no mistake with Sapper in the Queensland Autumn Champions, and it was rather unfortunate that Mrs Grasett was not present to see her "soldier-boy" winning the classic.

An interesting feature of this race was that the first half mile was run in 58 seconds against 56.1/5 set by Eve of Harvest in the China pony champion event. Sapper's first mile was timed in 1.52 1/2 whereas Eve of Harvest covered the first eight furlongs in one minute 51 seconds.

Being a big military man, Sapper's win was very popular, and the chestnut by Farr has gained an aggregate sum of \$6,121 for Mrs Grasett, who by the way is the first lady-owner to join the roll of honours.

It was rather unfortunate that neither Amicus Curiae nor Far View could face the starter, for both were on the sick list. The former strained a tendon on the eve of the race.

Rugger Game To-day

The following will represent the 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. officers against the men of the Unit at Rugby this afternoon on the Causeway Bay ground at 3 p.m.: 2/Lt Fairclough; 2/Lt Plummer; 2/Lt Clague; 2/Lt Taverner and 2/Lt Jenner; 2/Lt T. A. Pearce and 2/Lt Wedderburn; Capt. Ingram; Major Coquihoun; Capt. Morrison; Capt. Mills; 2/Lt Heath; Major Morgan; 2/Lt J. L. C. Pearce and 2/Lt H. O. Bramble. Linesman Lt-Col Field.

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Donald Black Assured Of Jockey Honours: Pari-Mutuel Record

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB bade temporary farewell to a large racing army at Happy Valley last Saturday when their final meet of a series of 13 extra meetings was staged before a crowded house. Though the fields were on the small side, racing was excellent with a few close finishes, and the atmosphere was certainly horsey.

Huge Cash Sweep Sales

The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event being well over \$3,000 and ticket No. 331 (which drew Jack O'Lantern) was worth \$7,238 for a paltry investment of \$2 in the last contest.

The penultimate event, Linggers' Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies, was chosen to kill the fatted "Xmas turkey," but Quick Despatch with Mr D. Black in the saddle did not let the public down, and the combination romped home first, paying only \$10.20 for a win.

However, a record sale of 8,308 chances for win and 7,209 tickets for place was established in the above event, when the two reached an aggregate total of 15,577 (representing a turnover of \$77,885) eclipsing the amount of 14,563 sold in the Sussex Handicap (second section) on November 2, by 1,014 tickets—equivalent to \$5,070.

We shall have no more flat racing until February 15, but in the interval we can look forward to the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to provide us with some good sport over the sticks and fences, and a few flats confined to the low class raters.

The writer was present at the half-yearly general meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held on November 28, when the chairman announced that the Stewards had decided that all China ponies remaining in "B" class at the end of this season will not be provided with further races at the Valley.

It looks that we have reached the saturation point and it is a great pity that the Fanling Hunt Club will not hold more meetings.

Judging from the new lot of Australian subscription ponies coupled with the special class of griffins which are to be daily seen on the cinder track, it looks very much as though next year we shall have a fine season of high standard racing.

SEASON OF EXCITING FINISHES

THIS SEASON we had certainly innumerable exciting finishes, there being no less than eight dead-heats and 32 short head decisions. I have taken the trouble to segregate the margin of defeat among the winners with the following results:

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Dead Heat | 32 |
| Short Head | 32 |
| A Head | 4 |
| A Neck | 12 |
| Half Length | 13 |
| 3/4 do | 8 |
| A Length | 12 |
| 1 1/2 do | 22 |
| 2 do | 28 |
| 2 1/2 do | 4 |
| 3 do | 14 |
| 4 do | 16 |
| 5 do | 7 |
| 6 do | 10 |
| Many Lengths | 3 |
| | 193 races |

It will be seen from the above that 139 events out of a total of 193 races held at Happy Valley were won by two lengths and under and punters had the worth of their money.

There were only three runaway affairs, and they were: Murrumbidgee in the Canbargo Handicap, Advancing Time in the Fatsan Handicap (second section) and Australian Diamond in the Australian Ponies Autumn Plate—all by many lengths.

Tables Tennis

MACAO AND HONGKONG TEAMS OPPOSED AGAIN Women's Matches To-night

TABLE TENNIS teams from Macao and Hongkong will be in opposition again to-night in a second interport match. This is being arranged under the auspices of the Hongkong Table Tennis League and the Macao Table Tennis League.

U.S. Navymen Take Part In Mid-week Shoot

The Hongkong Rifle Association held its mid-December meeting in brilliant sunshine at Kowloon. An attendance of 82 resulted in keen competition and shooting was still in progress up till 5.30 p.m.

The Association was pleased to welcome members of the American Navy from U.S.S. Tulsa, who took a very keen interest in the meeting, and a small prize awarded for a competition between themselves was won by C.Q.M. F. Eskew with the high score of 80.

Shooting took place at 300, 500 and 600 yards and although the light had faded badly by the time the last detail fired at 600 yards, some good aggregate scores were obtained.

The next meeting will be held on January 5. Prizes are being given by the Royal Scots' Rifle Club.

Scores: — P. C. Charan Singh, (ILK.P.).

Class A

Sgt M. F. Rushman 300 29 31 50

Cpl. J. C. Grimsh 29 31 19 03

Sgt H. A. B. Grimsh 29 31 19 03

Class B

L/Cpl G. P. Amberson (4) 31 30 27 58

Cpl. G. R. Morton (5) 31 31 27 59

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To-night, the women's teams will meet at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, at 8 p.m.

Previous to the matches, spectators will be entertained with Chinese music dances and Chinese boxing.

To-morrow at 8 p.m. at the same place, the men's teams will clash, and the gross proceeds of both series will be forwarded to the National Women's Relief Club for the aid of refugees and wounded.

The teams chosen are:

Women

HONGKONG MACAO

Yeung Wai-bun Cheng Ching-hin (capt.)

Wong Oi-lan Chan Kam-ping (capt.)

Mok Woon-king Lau Tung-fai

Lo Chiu-yeo Yeung Siu-miu

So Im-hing Tsiu Sau-miu

Chiu Kan-san Law Sin

Leung Chiu-kit Lee Ying-ong

Lo Siu-ping Ho Siu-fun

Liu Chiu-ying Hung Chi-dong

Tsang Kwai-fong Cheuk Yuet-yun

Men

HONGKONG MACAO

Lee Chinn-han Yeung Kam-chan (capt.)

Lau Kwok-chu Woo Kam-yin (capt.)

Wong Yip-shing Kwok Koon-ying

Leung Chak-fai Koong Wing-po

Lo Kwai-sang Cheng Siu-cheung

Chow Chun-kau Cheng Kwok-wing

Yuen Kan-wun Wong Wing-in

Woo Wing-sang Wong Wing-on

Leo Chi-chiu Leung Man-woon

Liu Shek-cheung Luk La-yu

P. C. H. T. Johnston (11) 25 21 15 01

Sgt (R) K. C. Hon (10) 16 28 16 00

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1940 Jockeys List To Date

MR DONALD BLACK could not go wrong with Griffel, Warrego River, Quick Despatch and Jack O'Lantern at Happy Valley last Saturday and he also came into double prominence by providing the combination (Warrego River/Quick Despatch) for the daily double betting which paid a paltry sum of \$22.90.

There is one more meeting at Fanling before we can close the 1940's account, but nothing can deprive Mr Black of holding the baton, and congratulations are extended for heading the list of successful jockeys.

The following is a complete list up to date, including the Valley, Fanling and Macao:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| D. Black | 37 | 13 | 20 |
| L. B. Chao | 31 | 24 | 10 |
| P. Y. T. Wei | 24 | 16 | 10 |
| H. C. Pih | 22 | 16 | 8 |
| H. J. A. Heame | 16 | 22 | 11 |
| V. Y. Needa | 13 | 17 | 8 |
| S. W. Pan | 8 | 18 | 4 |
| B. L. Tao | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| S. C. Liang | 7 | 9 | 12 |
| W. H. S. Davis | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| R. B. Moller | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| H. S. Chang | 5 | 10 | 9 |
| B. A. Proulx | 5 | 7 | 14 |
| K. C. Chiu | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| J. Treverton | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| W. G. Poy | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| C. Enesmarco | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Chiu Ki Fan | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| S. L. Sung | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| P. G. Gram | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| C. L. Gregory | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| G. W. Cooper | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Yeung Wing Kwai | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| F. A. Squire | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| M. W. Wood | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| P. P. Botelho | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| S. L. Yuen | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| H. M. Botelho | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| F. Marshall | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| K. Kwok | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| J. Nolasco | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Hoo Pak Ming | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| W. N. Yoh | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| S. W. Lee | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Tang Man Wa | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Yeung Wing Sing | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Ho Hong Ping | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| T. W. Chantley | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| J. Barrow | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Chanson Fung | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| K. K. C. Chiu | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| C. F. Chiu | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| R. H. Charles | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| S. W. Tang | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| F. F. Li | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| G. W. Hook | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| H. L. Poon | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| L. Li Shu Fai | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| M. F. Haynes | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| W. E. Grieco | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lo Kwong To | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| A. D. Coppin | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| K. I. Ip | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chan Oi Man | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| O. Sudick | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| H. A. de Botelho | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Y. T. Fung | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| K. W. Fung | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| F. Marcal | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | 202 | 253 | 247 |

CHARITY FOOTBALL TO BENEFIT CHINESE HOSPITAL INMATES

A charity football match in aid of Christmas comforts for Chinese inmates of the various hospitals will be held at 10.30 a.m. on December 25 on the Hongkong Football Club ground, when the Health Division of the Medical Department will meet the Hospital Division.

There will be no fixed admission charge, but contributions will be gratefully received. The teams will be as follows:

Health Division—Wong Wing-sun; E. J. Whitcomb and E. T. Harris; M. E. Purvis; V. N. Dewell and Chung Wing-kwong; Dr. G. I. Shaw; R. A. J. Simpson; A. W. Fowler; Mackenzie and Leung; Reserves E. D. Robbins and J. G. Hooper.

Hospital Division—Y. Angus; Dr. D. J. Valentine and K. J. Lau; G. Y. Skinner and Y. Leung; P. P. Li; W. K. Lau; E. Hopkinson; L. Li and M. J. Zamman; Reserves C. Haynes; Y. Hansen; W. Type; K. H. Pang and S. Cheung; Reserves J. F. McCowan.

Thrilling Finish For H.K. Autumn Champions

Runners Bunched Together

EVE of Harvest was in a sorry plight when the mare finished behind the first three placed ponies in the Hongkong Autumn Champions. It was undoubtedly one of the finest champion events ever seen at the Valley, but Sir Victor's candidate was not, in my humble opinion, rightly handled.

Considering that the winner, Confusion Bay, was only a head in front of Burford, and then half length behind came O-Lan, who nosed out Eve of Harvest, the distance between the first and fourth runners at the winning post could not have been more than a length.

But it should not be overlooked that Eve of Harvest started a killing pace at the release of the barrier, and the success of Mr Sung, who was aboard Confusion Bay, was in certain measure due to his wits by following in the rear within striking distance.

The intermediate times would show that the first quarter of two furlongs was run in 27 1/4 seconds, the second in 27 1/4, the third in 27 1/4, the fourth in 28 1/4 and the last in 28 1/4 seconds.

In the light of the above first run after covering the first mile in one minute 51 seconds (this time is two-fifths of a second faster than the present record held by Burford) would finish down the course, but the mare stuck to the last only to be nosed out by O-Lan by a short head for a third place.

However, the race was run in a record time of 2.19 1/2, and I raise my hat to Burford who lost the classic by a head.

I maintained all along that the Quartermaster's candidate was nothing like "ready," and if he had his Spring form last Saturday, an entirely different story would be told.

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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



ARMS CASE CONTINUES

After further evidence had been heard by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy yesterday, the case in which Henry Chon, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining \$12,500 and \$2,000 by false pretences from Wong Hor of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company, was adjourned until December 23.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution while Mr. F. L. Zimmerman appeared for Chon.

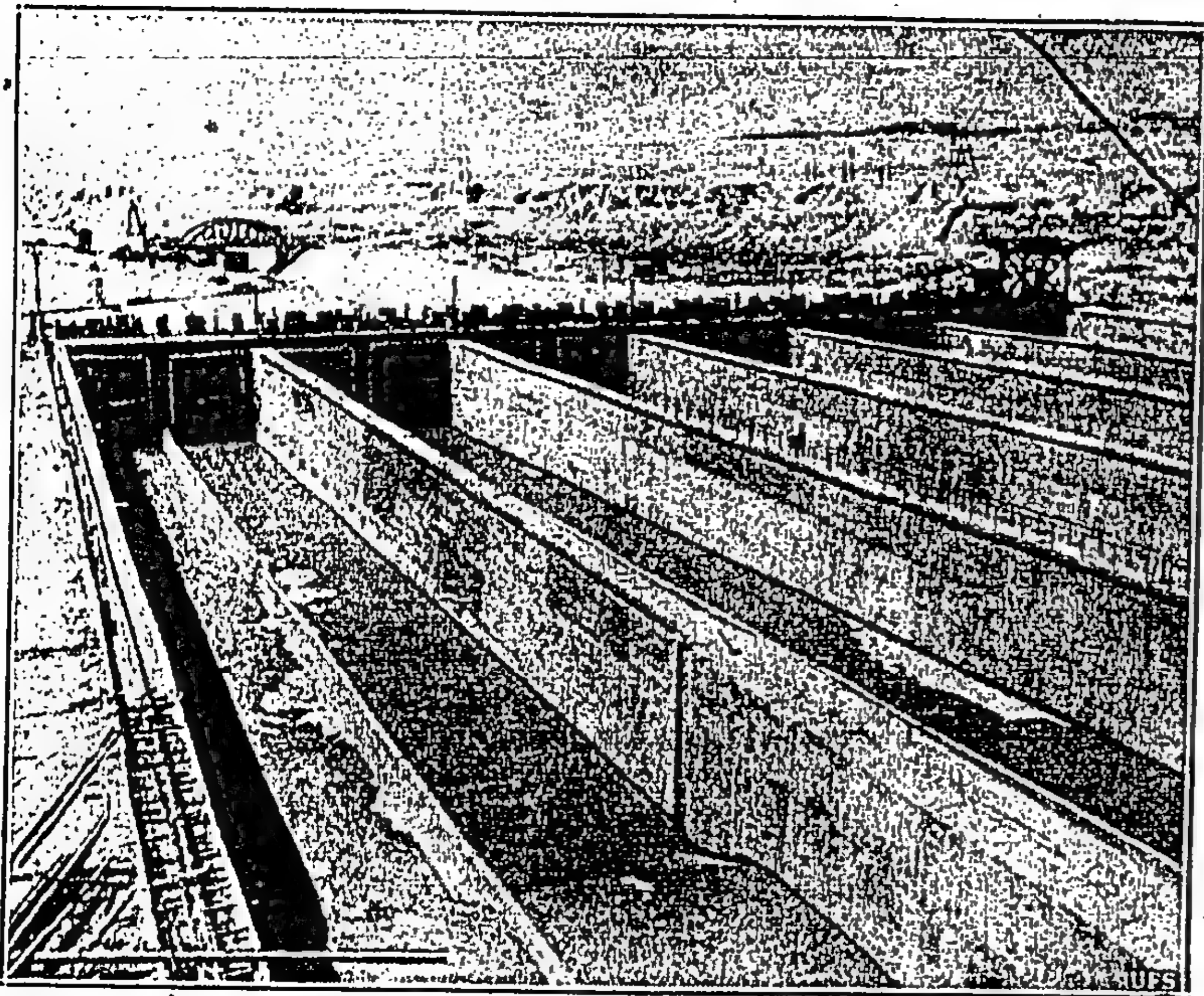
The prosecution alleges that Chon, in a transaction with complainant's firm and the Central Trust of China involving 100 aircraft machine-guns valued at £8109 000, had received sums of money amounting to \$12,500 and \$2,000 which should have been handed over to the Central Trust of China but in fact had not.

It was also alleged by the prosecution that, following enquiries, it was disclosed that the Central Trust had neither demanded nor received the money paid to Chon, who at first admitted retaining the money but later denied it, saying the money had been paid over.

In evidence yesterday, Mr. Li Chung-he said he was present at most of the negotiations and questioned by Mr. Zimmerman, said he did not at any time see complainant hand money over to defendant. He added that complainant had told him (Li) that he had given defendant \$2,000 to be paid to the Central Trust as part of the commission. Li said he had been informed by complainant that the contract related to the buying of machine-guns. Apart from that he did not know anything about the transaction.

Mr. Henry Lin, sub-manager of the purchasing department of the Central Trust of China, said he had asked complainant to quote his terms for 100 aircraft machine-guns as he was under the impression that complainant's firm were the South China agents for Colt Arms Company of United States. On July 15, the contract was signed, with a condition that the contract was subject to confirmation by the Chungking Government. The following day instructions were received from Chungking to suspend the contract owing to the closure of the Burma Road. Some time in November the contract was destroyed.

Witness added that throughout the negotiations he was under the impression that defendant was a partner in complainant's firm.



SOVIET DAM—A huge electro-chemical plant is being built by Russia to fertilize the cotton plantations of Central Asia. It's on Chirchik river, not far from Tashkent, in the Uzbek Republic. Above is a view of settling canal. A modern town has been built near the site of the dam.

Sinclair Says Goering Is Disgracing His Uniform

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, Secretary for Air, said recently that if the R.A.F. were to divert its forces from military objectives to reply in kind to the German air attacks upon civilians London would be betrayed.

Sir Archibald, who was speaking at a luncheon in London of the National Defence Public Interest Committee, announced that in air fighting generally since August 8 we had lost 621 machines and the Germans 1,867. Our losses in air crews were fewer than 600; the German losses amounted to about 4,000.

"Goering," he said, "is bringing disgrace upon his uniform and upon the service which he commands by launching that service in savage and indiscriminate attacks upon the civilian population of this country and upon our King and Queen.

"Unable to destroy our Air Force, 20,000 or 25,000 feet, unloading their bombs aimlessly and indiscriminately; they came down much lower and directed their bombs with deadly aim at the centres of German naval, military and air power.

"Some people say that we ought to repay the Germans in kind for their attacks upon our civilians," Sir Archibald said.

"The truth is that it would be a betrayal of the suffering people of London to divert any of our resources from military objectives.

"Supposing we split our bombs indiscriminately on the houses of the German civilians—how would that protect our own? That slogging match might go on for months, merely spreading misery in both countries.

Striking Deep

Our own bombers, Sir Archibald said, were striking deep into Germany and Italy, or smashing up the ships and barges collected in the ports of France and the Low Countries for the invasion of Britain. They did not cruise about at

cruel and harassing and more difficult to deal with. Is it an insoluble problem? Not at all—we are making progress.

"The German airmen will find that their reception here is increasingly warm, as indeed they have already found over London, and I am able to look forward to a time when the pleasure of night bombing over Britain and of blowing to pieces a number of humble London homes will cease to be attractive to Field-Marshal Goering and his aerial minions."

Warm Reception

Sir Archibald said that recent air battles by day have shown that we are well—almost miraculously—protected against attack.

"Bombing by night is less dangerous because less accurate, but it is

DAMAGED PILOT SAVES SUBURB

Londoners who saw a Hurricane side-slipping over their heads during a recent week-end did not know that the pilot was battling to save their lives.

In the Hurricane a pilot officer, who could have saved himself much earlier by jumping, was striving to prevent his machine from crashing on to houses.

A few minutes earlier it had been hit by an explosive shell from a Messerschmitt. Gliding away from the enemy the pilot prepared to bale out. Then he saw that he was over a thickly populated district. Sooner than take the risk of his pilotless machine crashing into houses he decided to try to land in open country.

In An Empty Field

By this time the pilot was spraying in a thick sheet from the engine, but by a series of violent side-slips the pilot managed to get the flames under control. Eventually he landed safely with wheels up in an empty field.

The pilot officer had sent an M.E.109 crashing in flames before he himself was hit.

A.T.S. Girls At The Guns

Girls of the A.T.S. are wearing gunners' lanyards now.

Schools teaching anti-aircraft gunnery use instruments called kinetheodolites to check up on the accuracy of their shooting.

When guns are firing at a target towed by an aeroplane the kinetheodolite may pick up errors not clear to the unaided eye.

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Teaching Men

In one of these gunnery schools in the Western Command girls are instructing men in kinetheodolite mysteries.

"These girls are doing a very good job with these instruments," the officer-in-charge said.

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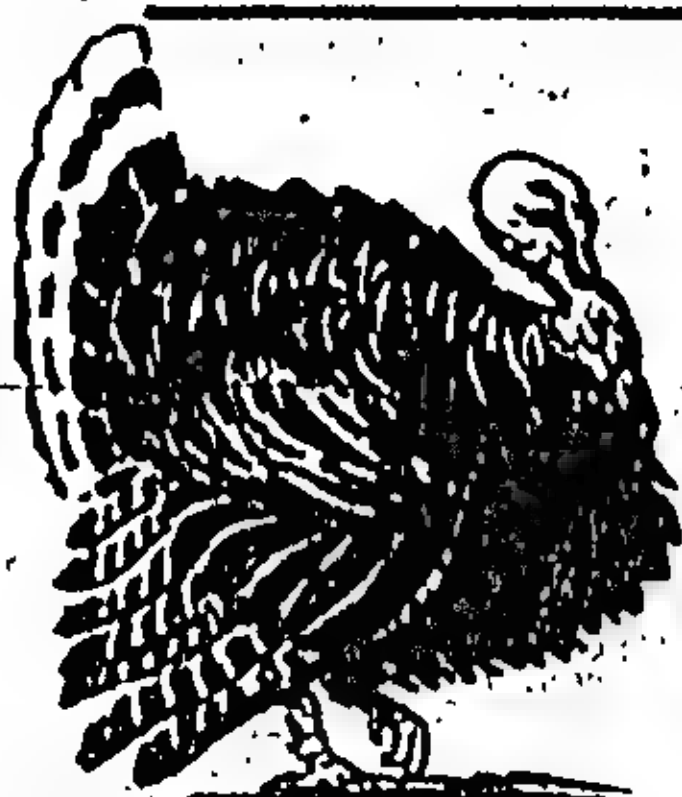
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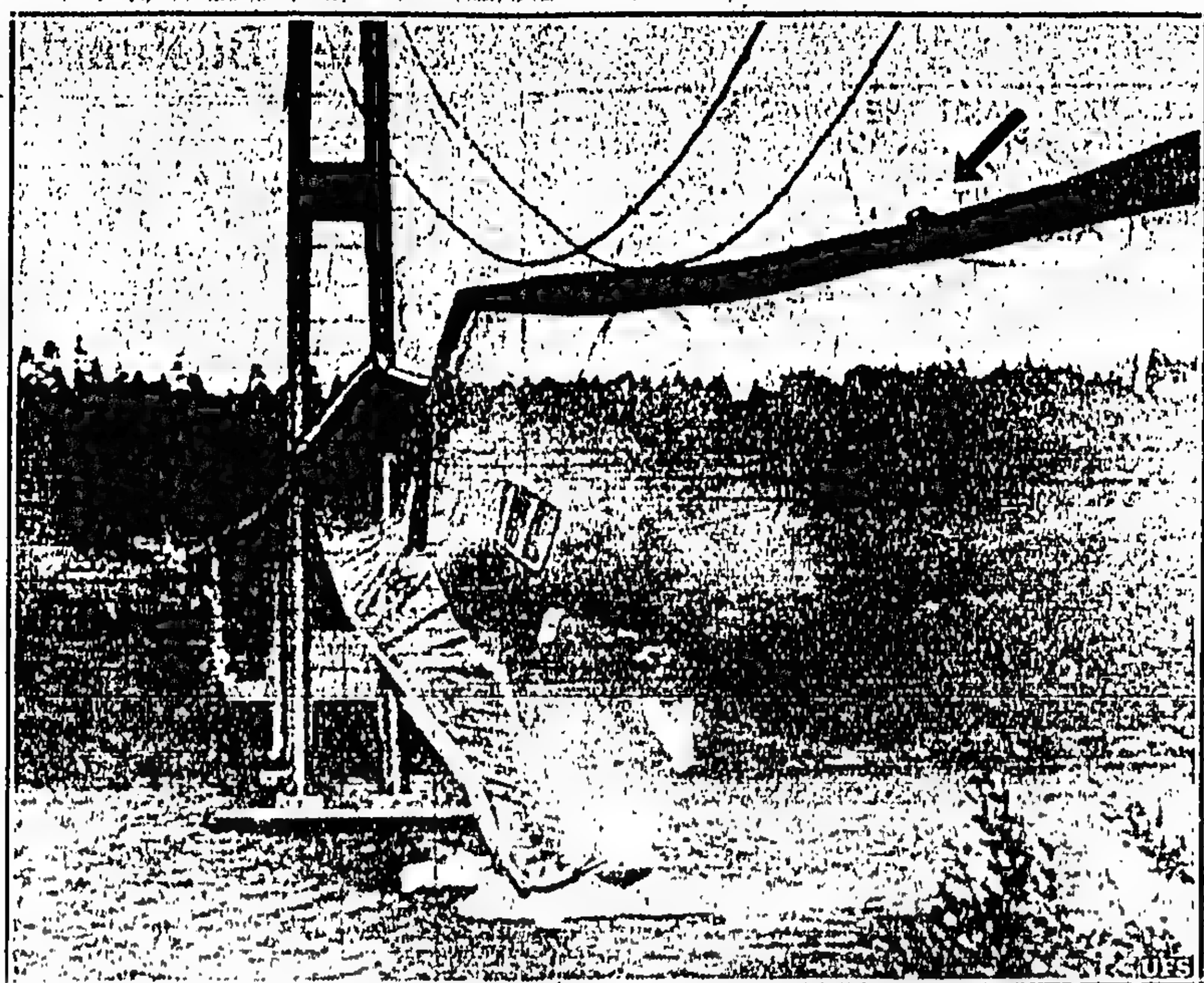
The grateful thanks of the Society is hereby tendered to the many subscribers during the year ended 31st October, and the Treasurers are pleased to report that the income nearly covered the increased expenditure.

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COLLAPSES IN WIND—Remarkable picture shows the collapse of the G.\$6,400,000 Tacoma Narrows bridge into Puget Sound, after a heavy wind started it away. The bridge had the third longest suspension span in the world. Arrow, reporter's automobile. He crawled to safety on hands and knees.

London's Chinatown Among Most Heavily Bombed Areas

LONDON'S East-end Chinatown has been amongst the most heavily bombed of this great city's stricken districts. Little laundries and restaurants, formerly kept by industrious, frugal, Chinese proprietors, who employed as workpeople many of their poorer compatriots, are now just sad heaps of bricks and broken beams by the side of bomb-pitted roads.

Beneath some of the ruins are still buried the bodies of those who formerly worked there, and rescue workers are still digging to recover the remains.

Most Chinese who could afford to do so have already left the danger area for less menaced districts in London, and many, if not all, of the Chinese women and children have been evacuated to the country by Government schemes.

The few men who remain are those lucky enough to have Anderson shelters in their back yards, or those stoics who declare that they are not afraid of what their relatives have suffered so bravely in Chungking and other Chinese cities. So they hang on in their ramshackle little houses of flimsy brickwork and await the bombs with fatalistic indifference.

Some of the Chinese lodging-house keepers remain to cater for the Chinese seamen constantly arriving in the London docks in ocean steamers from the Far East.

Seamen Have No Fear
These sailors, having endured calmly the most savage attacks by submarines and Nazi warplanes at sea, face the London raids without fear, or, for that matter, much visible interest.

When, for example, a reporter visited the Chinese Seamen's Lodging House, a raid was in progress and the cracking roar of bursting anti-aircraft shells thundered in the sky above. Shrapnel seemed to be falling thickly all around, and conditions, to say the least, were by no means reassuring. But, in the doorway of the house

Chung Hwa Club
Not far away is the Chung Hwa Club, founded by the Chinese Ambassador a few years ago to enable London-born Chinese children to learn something of the culture of ancient China and to gain some little knowledge of their classic tongue. Mandarin Chinese students from

London University used to act as unpaid teachers, and the club soon developed into Chinatown's real social centre.

Now, the laughter of the children no longer sounds within its walls—they are far away in Somersetshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. But the few Chinese elders remaining assemble here periodically to meet the Chinese Consul, who comes down to see that all possible help is being given to the community in their time of trial.

Funds he provides assist those tradesmen who have lost their business to carry on, and he is sometimes able to accelerate the evacuation of those who have no longer any inducement to remain in this heavily damaged district.

Birch For Thefts In War-Time

A threat to use the birch-rod to put down petty thefts in war-time when people were busy on jobs of national importance, was made in St Andrew's Juvenile Court recently by Captain How, who presided when 30 juveniles appeared on various charges of theft and malicious mischief.

"Petty thefts," declared Captain How, "must be kept down in war-time." He placed several boys on probation for a year when they pleaded guilty to charges brought against them.

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TO-DAY, AT THE KING'S

Blunt Speech By Grew On U.S.—Japan Relationship

Mr Joseph C. Grew, American Ambassador to Tokyo, provided another sensation before the America-Japan Society luncheon yesterday when he followed a speech by Mr Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, with extemporaneous remarks, reminding the Foreign Minister and the large crowd that Americans were interested primarily in facts and actions regardless of the persuasive garb in which they might be dressed.

Mr Matsuoka made a long speech at the luncheon, which the Society gave as a farewell to the recently appointed Ambassador to Washington, Admiral Nomura. He declared that America misunderstood Japan's objectives which time would justify.

Tokyo, Dec. 19. Admiral Nomura spoke but briefly, saying, "I am a plain sailor and a complete stranger to elegant society. Being aware of that ignorance, I at first declined the offer of the Ambassadorship. However, we felt frankly disturbed by the ominous trend of affairs which, if left unchecked, might possibly bring about acute tension between two countries which have no reason to quarrel, but every reason, to remain friends. The light has gone out in Europe. Let us, then—Japan and America—guard the peace of the Pacific."

Mr Grew, introducing Mr Matsuoka, did not touch on Japanese-American relations, confining himself to remarks about Mr Matsuoka, saying, "Neither of us has much use for old school formula and the restraints of diplomatic intercourse. Thus, we know where each stands and agree or disagree with frank objectivity."

Mr Matsuoka, asserting that Admiral Nomura was not a professional diplomat but a highly gifted diplomat, said, "In the person of our new Ambassador the American people will find a true Japanese and a vehicle of international trust and confidence. We must recover confidence among nations; that is what the world so badly needs at this moment. The appointment of Admiral Nomura is an eloquent indication of what my Government has in mind in regard to Japan's relations with America."

"I owe it to candour to admit that the relations between our two countries are severely strained at this moment. The fundamental cause of such deterioration is American apprehension concerning Japan's aims and aspirations."

Mr Matsuoka then, as in the recent interview granted to foreign correspondents, asserted that Japan was not waging an imperialist war in China but was striving for the establishment of an era of enduring peace and unlimited prosperity in Greater East Asia and would not be deflected from her settled course whatever the pressure.

Asserting that Japan's ideal was to enable all the nations to take their proper places in the world, Mr Matsuoka said, "It is a humble opinion that the world would be re-organised and reformed in a more rational way, as crystals are formed according to the law of nature. The alliance pact concluded by Japan, Germany and Italy points to the same goal."

larger attendance even than last year when Mr Grew, upon returning from America, told the Society of American opinion regarding Japan. The speaker's table included the former Ambassador to Washington, Mr Horimoto and Mr Debuchi and other dignitaries.—United Press

Appeal to Common Sense

Tokyo, Dec. 19. An impassioned appeal for patience towards Japan "which is not waging an imperialistic war of greed against China" was made by the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, speaking at a farewell luncheon given by the Japan-American Society in honour of Admiral K. Nomura, the newly-appointed Ambassador to America, to-day.

Mr Matsuoka declared, "We stand for peace and order. We shut the door nowhere and to none. Mind you, there shall be no conquest, no oppression, no exploitation under the New Order which we conceive."

Contrary to impressions current in America and elsewhere, the Foreign Minister stated that Japan was endeavouring to initiate an era of enduring peace and unlimited prosperity based on justice, equity and mutual trust in Greater East Asia. "We only desire on the one hand to be left alone so we may carry out our constructive work unhindered, and on the other hand to see the trouble in China and the war in Europe brought speedily to an end without adding more participants, particularly such a powerful one as America," he declared.

He appealed to the "common sense" of the Japanese and American peoples "to maintain calm judgment and quiet self-restraint in the face of an appalling, unprecedented world situation" and added that American participation in the European war, or a clash in the Pacific, would precipitate "an Armageddon that would end in final destruction of our culture and civilisation."—Reuter.

Turning to the China problem and its relations with the United States, Mr Matsuoka declared, "After all, the fate of China is largely a question of sentiment to the Americans, but to us it constitutes truly vital issues affecting, as it does, the very existence of our Empire."

Disclaiming any intention of Japan antagonising or "harbouring a hostile attitude" toward the United States by signing the three-Power pact, the Foreign Minister asserted, "Nothing can be more absurd and untrue. Japan has no desire whatsoever to antagonise America, or for that matter, any nation."

HAPPY VALLEY FIRE

Only slight damage was caused when a fire occurred in the front room of 32, Yik Yum Street, third floor, Happy Valley, yesterday. The brigade was summoned but the fire had been put out by the inmates before its arrival.

REFUGEE CHILDREN

Appeal For Funds For Relief In Colony

An appeal for funds by the Finance Committee of the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children has been launched with a goal of \$50,000.

Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities the number of homeless refugee children has increased, and relief work has become a problem of great importance. Efforts to alleviate the suffering of these children are being carried on by the community of Hongkong, but the present relief measures have been hardly adequate to accommodate the increasing number of war orphans seeking the sanctuary of this Colony.

It is proposed to co-ordinate the activities of the Association with the Rural Home and Orphanage at Taiipo, and the War Refugee Children's Industrial Home in Aberdeen, and it is proposed to allot at least \$10,000 or more to make up the deficit in the budget of these two institutions for the coming year, as the war situation abroad precludes the prospect of continued support from sources which these institutions hitherto relied.

The balance of funds raised will be used to provide accommodation for 200 more orphan boys and girls by enlarging existing institutions or by inviting the Salvation Army to supervise a new home.

Donations may be sent to the Association at No. 24 Wing Lok Street, Hongkong.

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| Canton Ins. | \$190 |
| Union Ins. | \$397.50 |
| Wharves | \$92 |
| Docks "O" | \$18.20 |
| Docks "N" | \$17.00 |
| Providents | \$5.60 |
| Hotels | \$3.50 |
| Trams | \$17.65 |
| Star Ferries | \$61 |
| Lights "O" C.D. | \$7.45 |
| Lights "N" C.D. | \$7.15 |
| Ropes | \$7.05 |
| Dairy Farms | \$19.15 |
| Watsons | \$10.50 |
| Entertainments | \$7 |
| Constructions "O" | \$1.00 |
| Sellers | |
| Lights "O" C.D. | \$7.50 |
| Electricity "O" | \$40.50 |
| Telephones "O" | \$10.50 |
| Vibro Piling | \$7.70 |
| Sales | |
| H.K. Banks | \$1,370 |
| Union Ins. | \$397.50/400 |
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| Docks "N" | \$17.75 |
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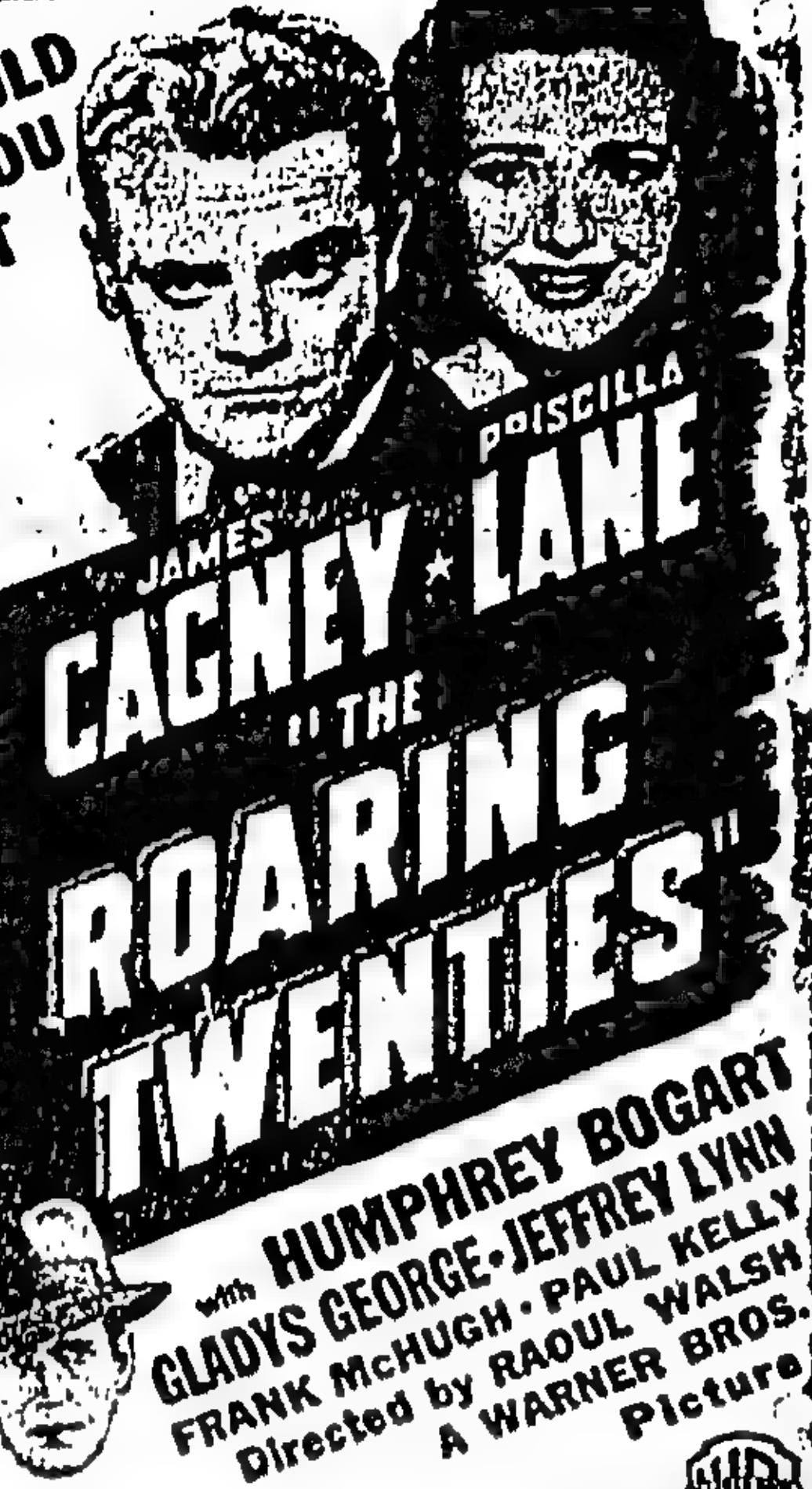
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Greeks Penetrate Mountains

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landing while returning to its base but all the rest got home safely.

Order of the Day
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Victory will be ours and it will be the most glorious victory of our history," declares General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, in an order of the day, according to the Athens Wireless.

Addressing his officers and men, he says: "All Greece watches you with admiration. You have not ceased to repulse the aggressor, to dislodge him successively from all his fortified positions and afterwards to pursue him continuously without respite."

"The blows you have dealt have placed the enemy in a very difficult position. The greater part of his forces are almost dispersed and demoralized. The enemy is giving way before you and in Africa before the British."

General Papagos expressed the certainty that the enemy would be hurled back into the sea.

Seven Miles From Klisura
STRUGA, Dec. 19 (UP).—Reports from the frontier today say the Greeks have reached a point seven miles north of Klisura.

In the Ossum river sector, the Greeks, during the past 24 hours, have advanced three and a half miles. It is reported that the Italian continue to concentrate additional fresh troops in the El Basan sector.

The Greek left wing advance forces are nine miles as the cross files, from El Basan and are being held up by snow and fog.

The Greek right wing is holding its positions in the Mokra mountains and along the western shore of Lake Ochrid, successfully resisting the continuous Italian counter-attacks.

Bloody fighting continued all morning two miles north of Tepelini with the Greeks being repulsed by fresh Italian troops.

The Greek left wing at Tepelini this morning repulsed a strong Italian counter-attack at the town of Dorza with heavy losses on both sides.

New Tunnel To Accommodate 10,000

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being developed to the west, and on the whole the tunnelling work was well ahead of schedule.

New pens for about 3,000 people had been completed since last week and these were situated all over the Colony. The attention of the department was now being concentrated on nullahs and it is hoped that with concrete blocks covering the drain and allowing the passage of water underneath, ample room would be provided for shelters. These larger nullahs would be sub-divided.

Some form of access or staircase was now being devised.

LATE NEWS

BRITAIN WELL GUARDED

FROM PAGE ONE

Scotland round Ireland, enormous masses of guns, machine-guns, fortified posts and every defence device are erected and are guarded by large numbers of ardent and well-trained men, but we are not making the mistake which was made by the French General Staff when they thought that the Maginot Line was all that was necessary.

Large Home Army

"We have now got a very large army which can move to any place with great rapidity and can go into action in a strong counter-offensive. Therefore, we may have good confidence in our power to beat the enemy supposing that he should succeed in setting foot in any strength on these shores."

Nevertheless we must remember that Hitler—should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I do not want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power, and he has great need of doing something in the near future."

ITALIAN DIVISIONS HELD

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gests that no more of the enemy has been able to escape from Bardia.

Naval Support

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—An Admiralty communique issued today states that the British fleet continued to support the army in Egypt by pouring shells on the Italian positions during the seven days of the campaign.

No hits were registered on any fleet units by the Italian shore batteries.

ENORMOUS BRITISH ORDERS

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be welcomed in Britain as a great and noble gesture, thinks the "Times," but as offering a method all the more brilliant because of its simplicity in getting over the embarrassing difficulty.

No one on this side of the Atlantic, adds the "Times," imagined that the United States would let us lose the war by withholding over any question of dollars, such arms as she was able to supply. The difficulty was technical but not a serious one since the critical testing time cannot be many months ahead when we will need every ship, plane and tank that we can acquire.

The paper goes on to predict that there will be some opposition in America to the plan—but "on the other hand there will be many who will hail it as the first opportunity in a world be-deviled by finance and who will be enormously relieved by the prospect that at the end of the war the world will be spared the nightmare of unpayable war debts and reparations which, after 1918, helped to produce such conditions as made social unrest, Hitlerism and war almost inevitable."

Mr. Morgenthau's Statement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, told the press today that no further important contracts from Britain are likely until Congress considers President Roosevelt's latest proposals.

He said that the British have already allocated a \$50,000,000 cash down payment on 60 merchant ships.

SHIP'S ANCHOR STOLEN

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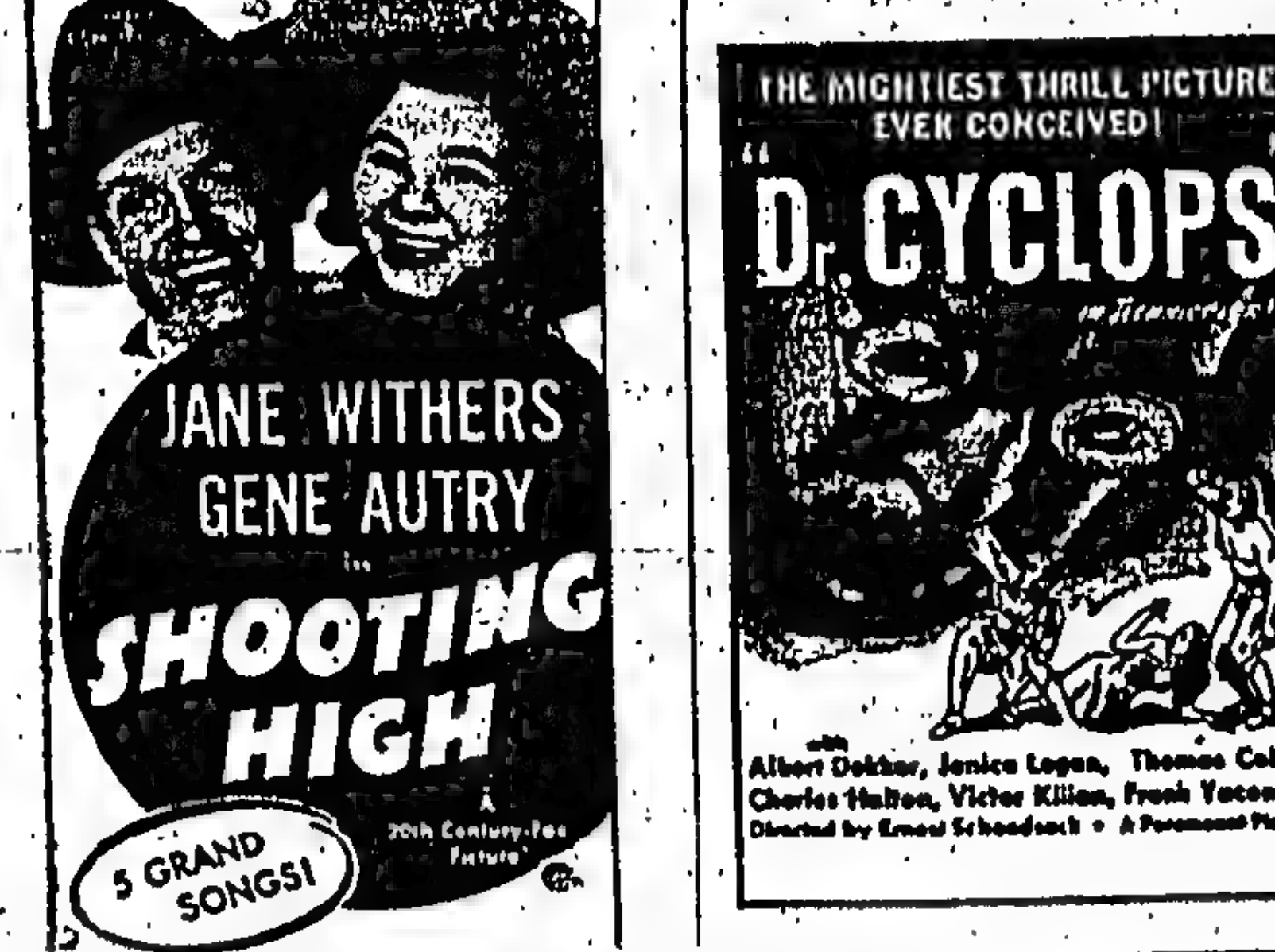


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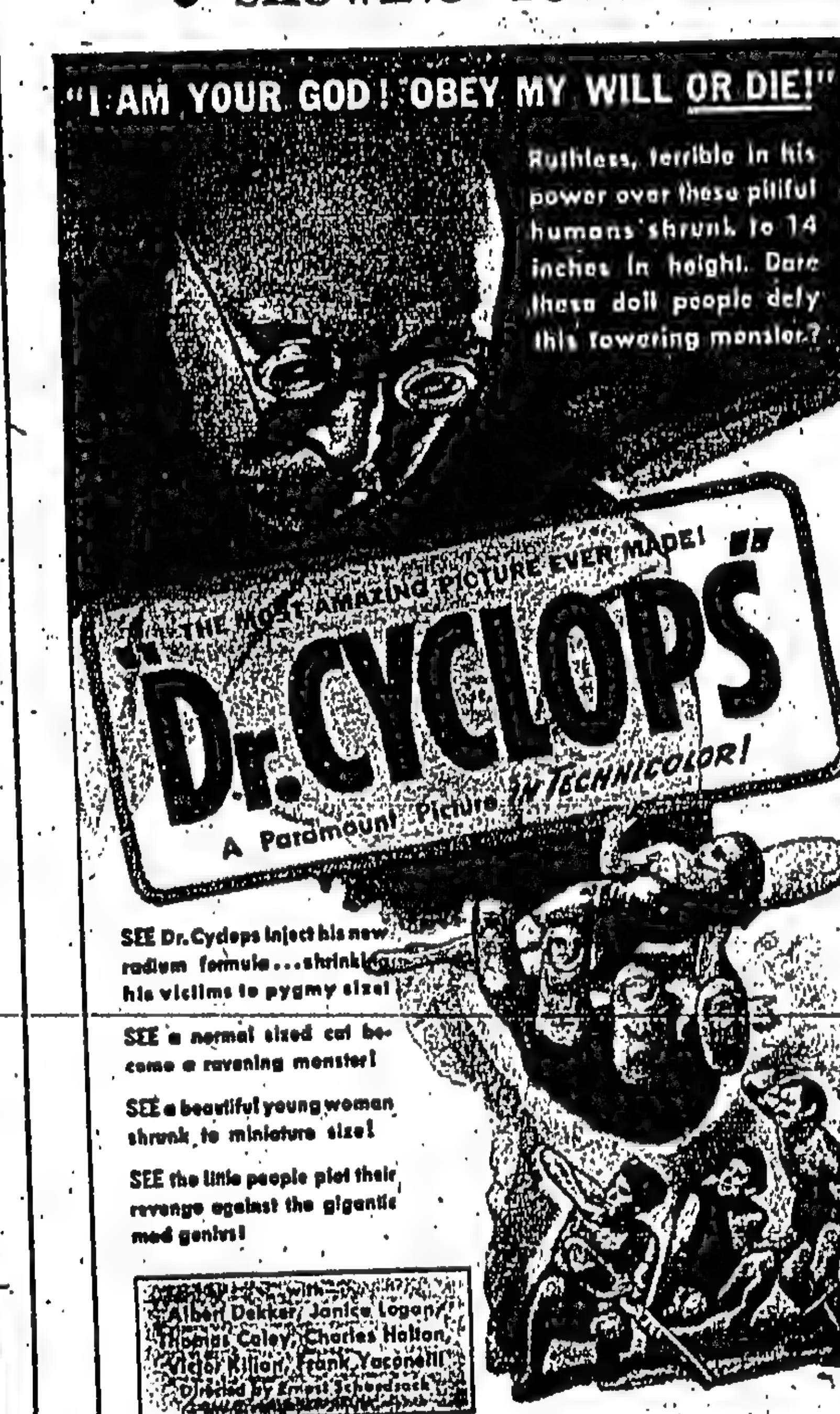
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ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT BARDIA HELD IN STRANGLEHOLD GRIP

CAIRO, DEC. 19 (REUTER).—THE GREATER PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS, IT IS ESTIMATED HERE, ARE TO-NIGHT IN THE IRON GRIP OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF BARDIA. THE STRENGTH OF THE IMPERIAL FORCES AROUND THE ITALIAN BASE IS INCREASING HOURLY AS LORRY LOADS OF SUPPORTING INFANTRY ARE RUSHED UP. ALTHOUGH NO CONFIRMATION CAN BE OBTAINED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT BRITISH ADVANCED MOBILE FORCES HAVE CUT THE COASTAL ROAD WINDING ALONG THE CLIFFS FROM BARDIA TO TOBRUK.

Italian Admission

ROME, Dec. 19 (UP).—Today's communique indicated that the British are still advancing in North Africa and are now exerting tremendous pressure on Bardia.

Military observers said that the defences at Tobruk had been greatly strengthened during the past week.

It is reported that the British are bringing up extensive reinforcements, including units which were formerly in the Palestine area.

British Casualties

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—In the House of Lords today, Lord Cuff, the Under-Secretary for War, announced that British casualties on the Western Desert up to December 16 were 72 killed and 738 wounded. Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, mentioned the same figures in a luncheon speech.

Details of El Uak

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A Nairobi communique says that the Somali frontier post of El Uak has been reduced to ruins by our troops, who, after destroying all stores and materials of no value to them, burned the buildings. Our troops then returned to their base. We lost two men killed and 12 were wounded. The Italians lost 50 killed and 120 prisoners.

After the flight of their Commander, the Italian troops followed him. Some of the Africans courageously tried to continue the fight.

Position Precarious

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 19 (UP).—A general headquarters communique says that the Italians in the Bardia area are in a "precarious position. So far 31,546 Italian prisoners have been taken, including 1,620 officers, while several thousand are still in the process of evacuation from the battle areas. "On the Sudan frontier, our patrols were again active in the Kassa and Gallabat areas, inflicting a number of casualties on the enemy."

Traps in Ground

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Italians are putting up very strong resistance, employing cunningly laid tank traps, gun emplacements and land mines which they have been preparing for many months.

The British Commander-in-Chief is concentrating on Bardia and according to a military spokesman, "the Italians are in a tight corner and operations are proceeding with the utmost satisfaction."

Reconnaissance flights by the R.A.F. show that no big movements are taking place on the road leading westward from Bardia. This suggests a return to Back Page, Column 4.

R.A.F. Bombers Leave Milan Factory Ablaze

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—When British heavy bombers raided Milan on Wednesday night a great rectangular fire a quarter of a mile long was left flaring in the Pirelli Works which hold large stocks of rubber and are well-known for the manufacture of motor-tyres.

They are peculiarly vulnerable to air attacks, says the Air Ministry, since they lie between two conspicuous railway systems and can be recognised with comparative ease. Though the raiding force was not large, the attack was remarkably effective. One pilot said: "Scores of fires started by incendiaries merged into a huge oblong blaze with explosions continually bursting up through the flames."

BRITAIN WELL GUARDED

Premier Tells The Commons

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—This is the first time in the desert that we have had equal equipment and we are still only a half-armed nation fighting a fully-armed nation which has already passed the saturation point in its armaments. But during 1941 we shall become a well-armed nation too. It takes three to four years to put the industries of a country on a war-basis, said Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons today.

The Germans reached the culminating point when we ourselves were still only in the second year but by the efforts that are being made and the great supplies reaching us from the United States, we hope that we shall be well-armed during 1941.

"Let the members now returning to their constituencies use their influence to help the good work of sustaining morale, if that is necessary, and speeding up the work of production. We are by no means content. We must never be content. (Cheers). We must continue to strive to do our utmost to see that our men have weapons worthy of the task they are to perform."

"What I say in respect of munitions applies with equal force to food production in all its forms. When I spoke recently of the years 1943 and 1944, I did not mean that I believed that the war would continue until then, but in matters like agriculture weapons were now in hand. There would be plenty of earth cover for this project."

Ahead of Schedule
The tunnels at Ellis Kadoro School, off Queen's Road, were now being developed to the west, and on the whole the tunnelling work was well ahead of schedule.

New pens for about 3,000 people
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Smashing Air Raid

R.A.F. Destroy An Italian 'Drome

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Italian aerodrome of Benina, near Benghazi—the important Italian base on the Libyan coast—was the subject of one of the heaviest raids of the war in the Western Desert on Tuesday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and great damage was caused to aircraft and buildings, states a British Air Force communique issued in Cairo today.

British planes arrived in the night and the fires started by the bombers increased with each subsequent attack. Numerous explosions occurred and at least 18 Italian planes were destroyed. When the last British planes left, there was a general conflagration and dense volumes of smoke covered the whole aerodrome. The Bardia-Tobruk road was also bombed but little movement was observed.

British fighter planes continue to patrol and to co-operate with British ground forces.

N.E. Africa Raid

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A Rhodesian squadron raided enemy aircraft and troops in the Metemma area while other aircraft attacked Jebel Irobati, 30 miles north-east of Kassala.

Except for one British plane which failed to return from bombing Valona in Albania, all British planes in all operations in the Middle East returned safely.

\$1,500,000 Mark Is Passed

The Bomber Fund, inaugurated by the "South China Morning Post" and "Hongkong Telegraph" has passed the \$1,500,000 mark.

It was officially announced at 10.30 this morning that the Fund had reached a total of \$1,500,336.76.

Stoppages In Factories

Minister's Revelations

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, told the House of Commons today that there had been stoppages in work at munitions factories.

Contrary to the legal procedure for settling such disputes, he said that "certain cases of stoppage had been caused as part of a settled policy." It was considered that he was referring to Communists.

Raider Downed Off Malta

CAUGHT BY SEARCHLIGHTS
MALTA, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—An Italian raider was caught in searchlights and shot down by night fighters in the first of two raids on Malta during Wednesday night.

An official communique says that two enemy planes approached the island. Both dropped bombs in the sea and there was no damage or casualties. One of the planes was shot down in flames into the sea. There were no survivors.



KLISURA ABOUT TO FALL: NEW GREEK SUCCESSES

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—According to a special report sent from the centre of the front this evening by the Athens correspondent of the "Exchange Telegraph," the Italians have set on fire and abandoned Klisura, following heavy Greek attacks.

The capture of Klisura will open the way to a direct onslaught upon Tepelini, upon which town the Greeks are slowly advancing from the south.

It is also reported that north of Pogradetz the Italian counter-attacks have been thrown back with heavy losses.

Another message from Athens says that the War Ministry has announced that over 600 Italians were made prisoners when "the enemy, despite stubborn resistance, were driven at the point of the bayonet from his positions."

However, the locality of the action is not specified. The Greek War Ministry also alleged that Italian planes again attacked front line hospitals despite prominent red cross markings.

It is claimed that the Greeks bombed military targets in Albania.

Italians Dispersed

The Athens Radio reported that the 4th Italian Grenadiers have been completely dispersed and disabled around Klisura, where Greek troops captured the heights dominating the town and are incessantly bombarding Klisura.

Greek troops also occupied a post on the other side of the Drinos River after an obstinate three-days' struggle (it is not specified in what sector is the Drinos River).

It was further claimed that Port TURN to Back Page, Column 5

LATEST

LEADING GREEKS TO VICTORY

General Alexander Papagos, Field Commander of the Greek forces, whose genius in leadership and strategy has played a prominent part in the success of his troops against the Italians.



Clipper Delayed

The China Clipper is now expected to arrive at Hongkong on December 27 and to leave on December 28. It was scheduled originally to arrive on December 25.

Greeks Penetrate Mountains

Advance Towards Chimara

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STRUGA, Dec. 19 (UP).—Frontier reports say that the left wing of the Greek troops penetrated the Cika mountains this morning after two and a half hours of fighting. The Greeks occupied the village of Kalart, four miles northeast of Chimara. Heavy losses were suffered on both sides.

Greek Objectives

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—In the south Greek artillery is pounding away at the coastal town of Chimara and are also hammering away at Tepelini and Klisura.

There are many reports of blizzards. One message says that Greek troops found the bodies of Italian officers and men who died of hunger and exposure when they laid down in the snow during their retreat.

Valona was raided by the R.A.F. on Wednesday the attack being directed against the seaplane base, docks and warehouses. All bombs fell on the target and a warehouse was seen on fire. Italian fighters put up a stiff opposition and during a 20-minute combat at least one is believed to have been shot down. One of our machines had to make a forced landing while returning to its base but all the rest got home safely.

Order of The Day

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—"Victory will be ours and it will be the most glorious victory of our history," declares General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek TURN to Page 2, Column Five

New A.R.P. Tunnel To Accommodate 10,000

"His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, has honoured our Department by the appointment to his staff of an Honorary Aide-de-Camp in Mr Wong Sik-ken, deputy Divisional Warden of the Tai-mshat-sui District," stated Wing-Comdr A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, this morning.

Commenting on the work in hand, the Director of A.R.P. said that the Blake Gardens tunnel had been completed and together with a new type of oval shelter, which had been constructed in the near vicinity, would accommodate about 1,000 people altogether. They had commenced a new facing at Hill Road, Kennedy Town, and this would ultimately run under the nullah.

A very large tunnel with many parallels would shortly be commenced under Leighton Hill. It was hoped to accommodate about 2,000 people. Plans for this construction were now in hand. There would be plenty of earth cover for this project.

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Pumpnickel Auctioned For \$1,500

BIG PRICES were paid for ponies at an auction at the Jockey Club yesterday. Pumpnickel, a 1930 Australian, of 14.2 hands, was sold for \$1,500 to Mr. T. K. Tseng, the bidding starting at \$500, and Attracting Time, a 1940 Griffin, of 14 hands, to Mr. Y. T. Hsu for \$1,000.

Sales were:
Southern Star, 1930 Australian, 14.1, V. V. Needa \$500.
Grand Alliance, 1940 Australian, 14.2, D. Asaturoff \$145.
Royal Highness, 1930 Griffin, 14.0, S. L. Yuen \$150.
Yuen Cheung, 1930 Sub. Griffin, 13.2, V. V. Needa \$200.
V. V. Needa, 1940 Australian, 14.2, L. Kwong-lo \$250.
Maiden, 1930 Sub. Griffin, 14.1, L. B. Chiu \$80.
Laughing Girl, 1930 Griffin, 14.0, V. V. Needa \$140.
King's Envoy, 1930 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, S. W. Lee \$140.
National Honour, 1930 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, V. V. Needa \$200.
Fai Ying, 1930 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, V. V. Needa \$200.
Lancashire Lass, 1930 Griffin, 14.1, Y. T. Hsu \$400.
Violet Queen, 1930 Australian, 14.2, T. C. Yuen \$100.
Lancashire Boy, 1930 Griffin, 13.3, V. V. Needa \$100.
Woollymilly, 1930 Sub. Griffin, 13.3, R. C. Chiu \$100.
Spring Shino, 1940 Australian, 14.2, T. W. Li \$200.
Attracting Time, 1940 Griffin, 14.0, Y. T. Hsu \$1,000.
Commencement Day, 1937 Griffin, 14.1, Sheun Cheung-fook, \$1,435.
Good Morning, 1937 Griffin, 14.1, W. H. S. Davis \$200.
Pumpnickel, 1930 Australian, 14.2, T. L. Tseng \$1,500.
Half-Moon Eve, 1930 Griffin, 14.1, Sheun Cheung-fook \$150.
Alma, 1930 Australian, 14.2, C. L. Gregory \$100.
Gold Coin, 1930 Griffin, 14.0, T. L. Tseng \$100.
Nancy Lee, F. A. Sutton \$255.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday

| OLD COURSE | |
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| 9.10 Col. Boyd, F. D. Jones | 9.15 |
| 9.24 R. M. Wood, A. H. McBride | 9.20 |
| 9.28 N. P. Fox, F. C. Roberts | 9.30 |
| 9.32 J. H. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan | 9.35 |
| 9.36 W. Rucker, D. L. Prophet | 9.40 |
| 9.40 A. H. Penn, J. R. Collins | 9.45 |
| 9.44 A. W. Behrman, R. R. Pearson | 9.50 |
| 9.48 A. C. I. Bowker, S. A. Slapp | 9.55 |
| 9.52 P. V. McLane, T. Metcalf | 10.00 |
| 9.56 J. van Muijen, J. G. Jensen | 10.05 |
| 10.00 F. A. Redmond, K. S. Robertson | 10.05 |
| 10.04 P. M. Cotton, T. O. Dalwin | 10.10 |
| 10.08 D. Humphreys, H. M. Howland | 10.15 |
| 10.12 S. L. Lloyd, L. H. Greer | 10.20 |
| 10.16 A. D. Humphreys, A. V. Greaves | 10.25 |
| 10.20 R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Brenner | 10.30 |
| 10.24 A. W. Bourne, W. G. Robertson | 10.35 |
| 10.28 J. D. & J. M. Thomson | 10.40 |
| 10.32 J. L. C. Pearce, D. J. Hosenquet | 10.45 |
| 10.36 A. N. & Q. A. A. Macfadyen | 10.50 |
| 10.40 L. Col. Way, Capt. Roberts | 10.55 |
| 10.44 E. H. Williams, L. H. Calthrop | 11.00 |

NEW COURSE

9.24 A. Sommerfeld, K. S. Morrison
9.28 J. E. Richardson, J. Macintyre
9.32 E. C. Price, W. C. Sheehan
9.36 A. T. Dow, E. L. Croome
9.40 M. Ellis, L. F. Robinson
9.44 R. H. Challinor, H. A. Mills

WAH YAN COLLEGE

Dr. S. N. Chau will distribute the prizes at the annual prize giving of Wah Yan College in the College Hall on Saturday at 5.30 p.m.

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NOTICE

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, 21st December, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1940, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Monday, 25th November, 1940, to Saturday, 21st December, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA,

Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th November, 1940.

M.V. "HOEGH TRANSPORTER"

On instructions from the Underwriters, Tenders are invited for the Single Screw Motor Vessel "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" as she lies submerged in her damaged condition in Singapore Roads.

The vessel is of the Shelter Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

A large part of the cargo has been removed from the vessel.

Tenders should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 21st December, 1940, who will supply any further information available.

The highest, or any, tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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Evacuation Representation Committee

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of all those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee, in connection with the reply to the petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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British Empire and Foreign

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The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao
14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign

20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

Matsuoka's Last Trump Card

TOKYO, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's speech and his anxiety over United States interest in Far Eastern affairs, the "Asahi Shimbun" says that in a sense the appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador in Washington will be regarded as Mr. Matsuoka's last trump-card played in order to make the United States understand the just and fair aims of Japan and that it is nothing but his last effort to improve the relations between the two countries.

FLOATING MINE SEEN

A floating mine was seen in position Latitude 22.11 degrees North, Longitude 113.58 degrees East, at 6.40 a.m. on December 18, it is reported to the Hongkong Harbour Department by the master of a steamer.



PORCH RECEPTION—Joyous neighbours for an election victory parade and call on President Roosevelt at his home in Hyde Park, N. Y. In front of the white-columned, gray stone house, he and his family assemble on the porch. He is indicated by arrow. Mrs. Roosevelt and his mother were in group.

Shanghai "Radio War" Possibilities Loom

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Dome).—Possibilities of a first-class "radio war" between the Japanese and Americans in the Far East are looming, consequent upon the allegations that the Japanese are deliberately jamming the American-owned station XHMA, over which the prominent news commentator, Carol Allcott, broadcasts daily.

According to the "Shanghai Evening Post," Mr. E. L. Henley, managing-director of XHMA declared: "We are certainly not going to take this lying down. We are going to fight this thing to a showdown in the defence of our American rights."

The paper pointed out that if a "radio war" develops, "every station in the Japanese Empire would be jammed by American transmitters should the battle grow."

It is learned, says the "Evening Post," that the United States Consulate-General has filed a protest with the Japanese authorities against the jamming of XHMA wave-lengths. The paper further declared that the Japanese radio control board is responsible for the interference.

According to Mr. Henley, XHMA has received a letter from Major Kazuo Asano, superintendent of the board, allegedly demanding XHMA to limit its power to 200 kilowatts and to submit its news reports to the Japanese censorship before broadcasting.

Examinations In First Aid

Candidates in "First Aid to the Injured" who attended the recent course of lectures given by Dr. F. Ruttonjee, are notified that an examination will be conducted by Dr. J. E. Dwyer at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, on Friday December 27, at 5 p.m.

Saved 10c. For \$20

LI Ping-pui, 21, described as a businessman was fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for evading payment of fare on the Yaumati ferry on December 10.

LI asked by a ticket inspector for his ticket, said that he had a monthly ticket. He failed to produce the ticket and on being told to fill in an identification form, he gave his brother's name.

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NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S

Greeks Penetrate Mountains

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Army, in an order of the day, according to the Athens Wireless. Addressing his officers and men, he says: "All Greece watches you with admiration. You have not ceased to repulse the aggressor, to dislodge him successively from all his fortified positions and afterwards to pursue him continuously without respite."

"The blows you have dealt have placed the enemy in a very difficult position. The greater part of his forces are almost dispersed and demoralised. The enemy is giving way before you and in Africa before the British."

General Papagos expressed the certainty that the enemy would be hurried back into the sea.

Seven Miles From Kilsara
STRUGA, Dec. 19 (UP).—Reports from the frontier to-day say the Greeks have reached a point seven miles north of Kilsara.

In the Ossum river sector, the Greeks, during the past 24 hours, have advanced three and a half miles. It is reported that the Italian continue to concentrate additional fresh troops in the El Basso sector.

The Greek left wing advance forces are nine miles as the cross flanks, from El Basso and are being held up by snow and fog.

The Greek right wing is holding its positions in the Mokra mountains and along the western shore of Lake Ochrid, successfully resisting the continuous Italian counter-attacks.

Bloody fighting continued all morning two miles north of Tepelini with the Greeks being repulsed by fresh Italian troops.

The Greek left wing at Tepelini this morning repulsed a strong Italian counter-attack at the town of Dorza with heavy losses on both sides.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Only small parcels of shares changed hands as the firmness of the market continues, buyers predominating.

Buyers

Union Ins. \$190
Peak Trams \$307.50
Wharves \$92
Docks "O" \$18.20
Docks "N" \$17.60
Providents \$5.60
Hokels \$3.50
Trams \$17.05
Star Ferries \$61
Lights "O" C.D. \$7.45
Lights "N" C.D. \$7.15
Ropes \$7.05
Dairy Farms \$19.15
Watsons \$10.50
Entertainment \$7
Constructions "O" \$1.60

Sellers

Lights "O" C.D. \$7.50
Electricity "O" \$40.50
Telephones "N" \$10.50
Vibro Piling \$7.70
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,370
Union Ins. \$307 1/2/400
Docks "O" \$18.25/50
Docks "N" \$17.75
Providents \$5.65
Lights "O" C.D. \$7.50
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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore, Dec. 20, 4 p.m.
Canton, Dec. 21, 4 p.m.
Sandakan, Dec. 21, 4 p.m.
Calcutta and Straits, Dec. 22, 4 p.m.
Australasia and Manila, Dec. 23, 4 p.m.
Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore, Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
Canton, Dec. 25, 4 p.m.
London and Straits, Dec. 25, 4 p.m.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th December, Dec. 26, 4 p.m.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.), Dec. 26, 4 p.m.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 6th Dec.), Dec. 26, 4 p.m.
Java and Manila, Dec. 27, 4 p.m.
Santow, Dec. 28, 4 p.m.
Canton, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Sandakan, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Calcutta and Straits, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th December, Dec. 31, 4 p.m.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Reg. Dec. 20, 4 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Haliphong, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Formosa, Dec. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Canton, Dec. 21, 5.30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23

Straits and Calcutta, Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels, Dec. 23, 11.30 a.m.
Letters, Dec. 23, 11.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Dec. 24, 5.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Dec. 24, 5.30 a.m.

Central and South America and United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only). Note—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without Supercription G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Parcels, Dec. 23, Noon
Reg. Dec. 23, 2.15 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 23, 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways Service" K.F.O.
Reg. Dec. 24, 2.00 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Reg. Dec. 25, 2.00 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 25, 2.30 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Letters, Dec. 25, 0.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25

Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya, 8.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26

Reg. Dec. 26, 7.15 a.m.
Ord. Dec. 26, 7.15 a.m.

Air Mail by Sea to Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" K.F.O.
Reg. Dec. 26, Noon
Ord. Dec. 26, Noon

Friday, Dec. 27

Reg. Dec. 27, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 27, 5.00 p.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways Service" K.F.O.
Reg. Dec. 27, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 27, 5.00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Reg. Dec. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 28, 5.00 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta, Dec. 28, 5.30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

Reg. Dec. 30, 7.15 a.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 7.15 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban, 2.30 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island, 6.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Reg. Dec. 30, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Reg. Dec. 31, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 31, 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom). Note—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without Supercription K.F.O.
Parcels, Jan. 2, 4 p.m.
Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 3

Reg. Jan. 3, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane, 6.30 a.m.

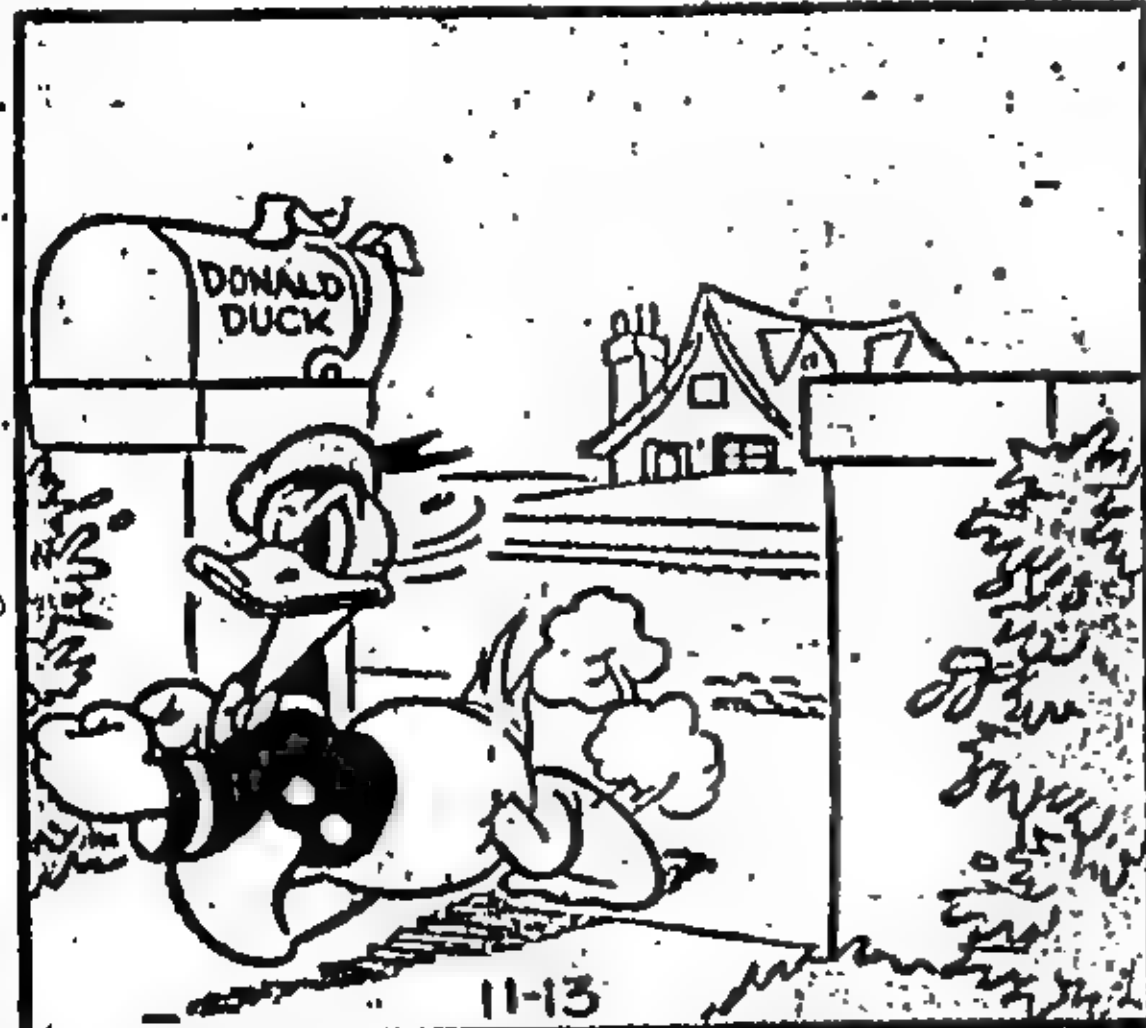
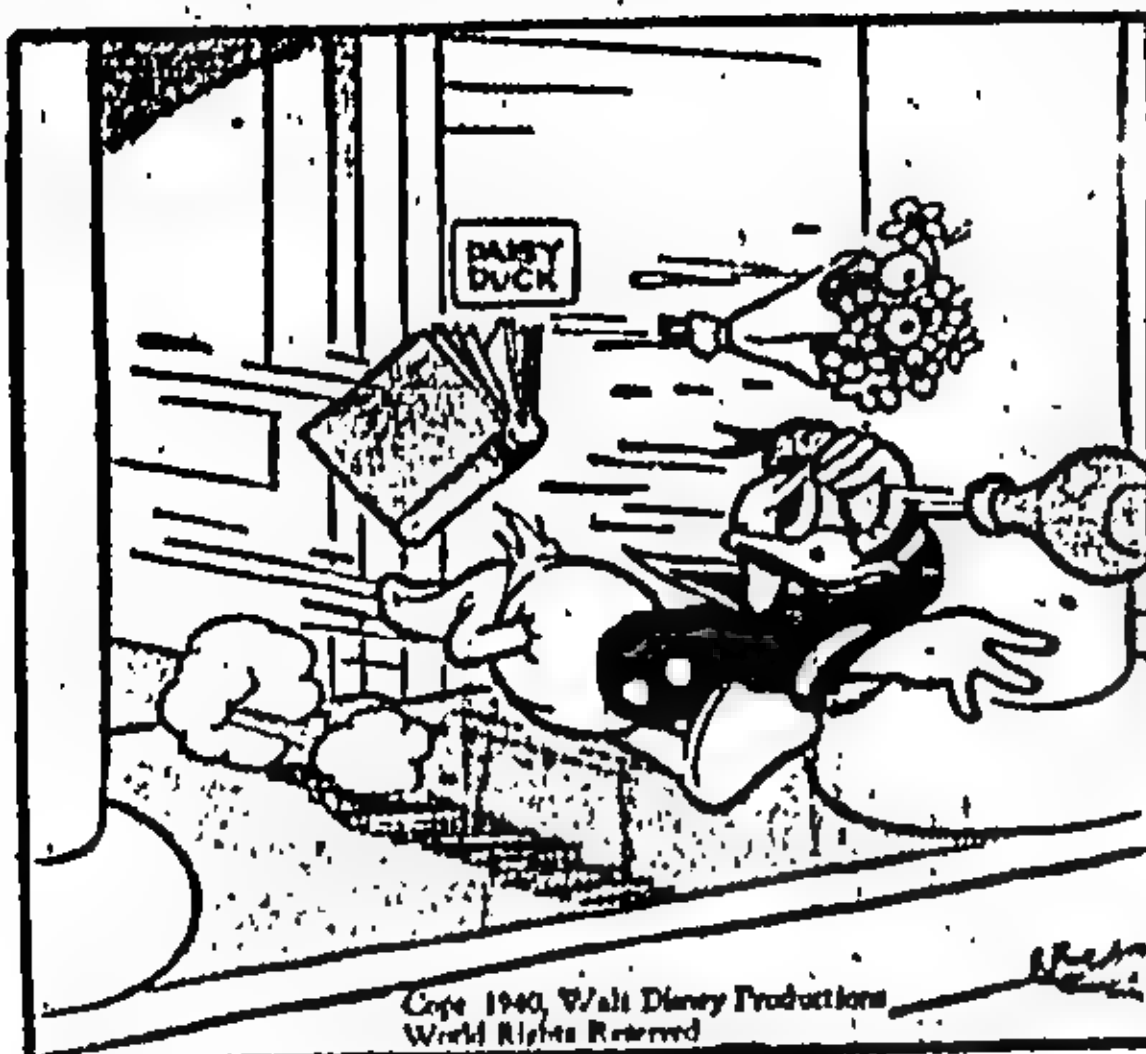
Saturday, Jan. 4

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THIS GIRL STARTLED
THE DOCTORS

WHY is this picture so interesting to the medical men? What is there in the photograph of a little girl, with what looks like her baby brother, and a doll?

The answer is that this is a picture of the youngest mother in the world, with her son, aged fifteen months.

Lina Medina, of Peru, is just six years old.

Her story is one of the medical mysteries of the world. She has just arrived in Chicago, where America's doctors will try to determine the astonishing facts of her case.

The baby boy, was born, on the operating table, in a South American hospital, while sixty doctors and scientists watched the "miracle."

Lina Medina, half-Indian, half-Spanish, was five years old and only three feet tall when she gave birth to a perfect male child, weighing six pounds.

Nobody thought that mother or child would survive, but both have grown and flourished and to-day are quite normal.

The natives of the mountain village where Lina Medina lived regard the event as witchcraft, but doctors all over the world have watched this case with intense interest, for, of recent years, there has been a great deal of research into the ages at which women can bear children.

IN British countries child marriages are not only discouraged. They are actually forbidden by law. No girl may marry under the age of sixteen.

But the fact remains that even in civilised Britain girls under that age are having to face the responsibilities of motherhood. It is a grave social problem—so far-reaching in its complications that a famous British woman surgeon has investigated it in all its aspects.

She has just published the results of a seven-year investigation into the cases of very young mothers.

Her findings are astonishing, and seem to upset many old theories and beliefs.

So much so, in fact, that the surgeon, Dr Letitia Fairfield, who is senior medical officer of the general hospitals, department of the London County Council, states, in a paper in "The Lancet," the famous medical journal, that she is no advocate of such early motherhood.



She merely states the facts. And they certainly tend to negative the common idea that very early motherhood may stunt the growth, and even affect the sanity of a girl.

Dr Fairfield's probe into this question lasted from 1931 to 1938. She had access to 133,000 births in a group of twenty-four London maternity hospitals.

Of these, seventy-four were mothers between the ages of thirteen and sixteen.

Dr Fairfield examined carefully each of these cases where, to quote her own words, "nature had been allowed to take its course."

The youngest mother was thirteen years and three months at the time of her confinement. There were no girls aged twelve, and authenticated cases at this age are, apparently, extremely rare.

Only two are known during the past thirty years. When Lina Medina's child was born the doctors searched back in the records and discovered that eight was the earliest age known to medical science.

IN the seventy-four cases surveyed by Dr Fairfield all the mothers made a good recovery, and few had any difficulty.

THE most amazing case brought to light by Dr Fairfield's investigation was the story of the youngest mother in London, probably the youngest in Britain.

She was thirteen years and three months. And the alleged father was only thirteen.

Of his paternity there cannot be complete certainty, but all facts seemed to prove it, and the boy himself had, it seems, no doubt at all, for he even went so far as to borrow his older brother's long trousers and bowler hat, in order to visit his child, in proper style.

THE child of this union was six pounds in weight when born, had a cleft palate, but was otherwise quite normal and healthy.

The babies, in a matter of fact, seemed to do less well than the mothers.

The average weight of the seventy-four was six pounds fourteen ounces, which is less than normal birth weight for children in Britain to-day.

Two babies were stillborn, three died at birth, five had deformities of various kinds.

This tends to suggest that there may be a special liability to deformities in the children of very young mothers, says Dr Fairfield's report.

On the medical and surgical aspects of these young mothers the investigation shows that previous fears about very early childbirth may need to be revised.

Doctors have been surprised to learn that arrival of these babies was very normal, surgical assistance being only very slightly over the rate that is usual in all the hospitals concerned.

The labours were, with few exceptions, short and easy to an unusual degree, and complications, especially in what doctors term the third stage of a birth, were rare.

No case of mental or nervous breakdown on the part of any of the seventy-four mothers has been traced to date.

DR Fairfield records that in the sixty-four cases where the method of feeding was noted, fifty-eight babies were breast-fed wholly or in part at the time of leaving the hospital.

More than one-third of these very youthful mothers surprised the doctors by delivering their babies in less than twelve hours, a remarkable record for first births, which seldom take less than eighteen hours.

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The third stage was in all cases completed in thirty minutes or less, without any aid or interference. In fifty-seven out of the seventy-three cases in which there were time records, the period in the third stage was fifteen

minutes or less. No instance of serious damage was noted.

FOLLOWING Dr Fairfield's investigations, the doctors of Britain and America are watching the strange case of six-year-old Lina Medina with great interest.

On the question of who is the father of her baby son there is still profound mystery.

Lina's mother, Donna Loza, a stolid peasant of the Andes, said at the time that she believed that Lina was bitten by a snake called "Tiracha," which, according to Indian legend, holds strange power over women, sometimes creeping up on them and sinking its fangs into them as they sleep in the open air.

Lina often slept in the open air in her mountain village.

HER father also has a theory. He says that there is a pool up in the mountains called "the pool of birth." Those who bathe in it find the power to create new life.

Lina used to bathe in this pool.

The doctors in Chicago, who have been waiting to see Lina Medina for a year, will try to solve the mystery of a birth that has baffled the medical world.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Recently died
- 2-Human property
- 3-Makes lace
- 4-Parasitic
- 5-Weeds
- 6-Morse navigator
- 7-25 herring
- 8-Turn aside
- 9-Eaten
- 10-Insect
- 11-More
- 12-Orinley Islands bay
- 13-Des eagle
- 14-Large tree
- 15-Turns back
- 16-Opening in skin
- 17-Dance step
- 18-Metric short
- 19-Kind of Datura's rings
- 20-Weapon
- 21-Thicker
- 22-Bubbling wines
- 23-Japanese musical instrument
- 24-Poisoning ice block
- 25-Lava
- 26-Household
- 27-Hibrew title
- 28-In wrong
- 29-Show business
- 30-Father
- 31-Not up
- 32-Well to do
- 33-Human
- 34-Body of water
- 35-Complete outfit
- 36-Period of time
- 37-Corrosive substance

DOWN

- 1-Printer's units
- 2-Irregularly bodies
- 3-Wash
- 4-Krist
- 5-Cathartics
- 6-Lar legally
- 7-Herbage
- 8-Ilals
- 9-How
- 10-Dead over
- 11-German watering place
- 12-Kel fisherman
- 13-Amount that leaks
- 14-Male sheep
- 15-Tarries
- 16-Tropical trees
- 17-Attack
- 18-Professional (col.)
- 19-Bring up
- 20-Deleto
- 21-Devoured
- 22-Debutante (col.)
- 23-Architectural moldings
- 24-Fowl
- 25-Female goats
- 26-Unit of light
- 27-Lose-colored
- 28-More lifeless
- 29-Liver island
- 30-Metric unit
- 31-Man's nickname
- 32-Unit of area
- 33-Hurried
- 34-Funeral
- 35-British queen
- 36-Of the French pl.
- 37-Girl's name
- 38-Precious stone

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THE NEW SITUATION

SOME three weeks ago the "Telegraph" voiced the possibility that Italy would have to be wary of German domination of her own territory if she was unable to make a success of her self-chosen campaigns overseas in North Africa and Greece. Since then the weaker end of the Axis has been very roughly used by the British and Greeks and the inevitable rumours of armistice and Nazi troops arriving to lend assistance have found their way into print with, of course, immediate denials. The position has changed so radically that the entire aspect of the war in the Middle East has to be looked at from another angle and with that goes—a reconstruction of the Axis spring campaign with its new implications for Britain and France.

General Graziani would seem to have encompassed his own downfall by extending his lines against weak British opposition to Sidi Barrani when he had no intention of going further. If he had kept his enormous forces in Libya they would have tied British forces to Egypt effectively, but by seeking the prestige of an easy advance he put himself in a position from which he has been driven out with substantial physical and moral losses.

In our case it will be worth while attempting to drive the Italians right out of North Africa because we have a fleet that can keep them out. Abyssinia, Italian Somaliland and former British Somaliland can, at the present, be ignored as they will eventually fall into our hands when we are completely successful in Libya. There is every possibility that by then the Free French movement will have claimed present provisory parts of North Africa; certainly no active hostility need be feared from those territories.

Winter and the Greeks are giving the Italians a great deal of punishment in Albania and they can look for no relief. The Royal Air Force will deliver harder blows as more machines become available and the Greek military machine—which despite its successes did not lay claim to the preparedness of its Axis elements—will become more efficient and numerous.

A question to decide will be whether to meet German assistance with corresponding British support for the Greeks with the risk of turning the Balkans into a major battlefield. Hitler will no doubt remember that his cousin Joseph will be on hand in any such game to take over the odd piece of land here and there, and that is not at all to his liking. Hitler must ensure that he has not antagonised Stalin when he strains all his resources to invade Britain, or when Britain breaks in his front door. Italy, well established in Greece, would have proved her worth and could have been given a large share of the spoils of France to set herself up in the Balkans as Hitler's lieutenant, to pacify the worried small nations there and even to stiffen them into a bloc strong enough to keep Stalin's hands

Limiting Factors In Air Warfare

By "Britannicus"

Every Englishman is today an amateur strategist in air warfare. He is bound to be so. His daily routine depends on the course of the war which he hears—and sometimes sees—going on over his head.

Few amateur commentators, however, take fully into account what is perhaps the most important of all aspects of air warfare. This is the existence of a chain of separate limitations on the volume of a belligerent's air attack.

Consider a day in the life of a bombing aeroplane which is due to make a night attack on enemy territory. It is closely overhauled by mechanics. It is loaded with bombs and its tanks filled with petrol. It is taxied out to the run-way, and its crew climb aboard. It waits its turn to take off while other 'planes taking part in the operations sail away into the night. For hours it flies through varying weather conditions; it reaches its goal, drops its bombs, and returns. On the aerodrome the ground-crew again take over, and the cycle begins again.

SEVEN POINTS

A simple routine, yet it indicates at least seven limiting factors upon the volume of air attack which can be consistently mounted by any belligerent power. They are:

- Total number of aircraft possessed
- Speed of pilots and air crew
- Number of skilled ground crew and repairers
- Supply of bombs or other ammunition
- Supply of petrol fuel
- Number and size of available aerodromes

ACCUSED OF THREE MURDERS

Woman's 'Lapses of Memory'

A woman charged with triple murder at the Old Bailey recently was stated to be suffering from lapses of memory.

She was Mrs Florence Iris Ouida Ransom, 34-year-old secretary of Piddington, near Bicester, and the defence successfully applied for her trial to be postponed until next sessions.

Mrs Ransom is charged with the murder of Mrs Dorothy Sanders Fisher (40), her daughter, Miss Freda Ann Fisher (20), and their housekeeper, Miss Charlotte Saunders (48), who were found dead with gunshot wounds in a cottage named Crittenden, at Matfield, near Tonbridge, on July 9.

Mr Stuart Horner, defending, said he made the application so that Mrs Ransom might be examined by an independent neurologist with a view to ascertaining her medical history.

Judge's Reply

She had been in several hospitals, and the defence was trying to trace those records. He had been instructed that the medical history dated almost from her birth.

Mr Justice Hallett: Hysteria and a desire for publicity, or what? Mr Horner: No, my lord. Lapses of memory which may be due to a basic source.

The judge replied that he did not understand lapses of memory.

off them while Hitler was busy on the other side of Europe.

These dreams are shattered now and the "new order" must find itself new material. France may play a big part yet in the outcome of this war. The Nazis would cripple the best part of their fighting machine in attempting to enslave the whole of France; so that cancellation is necessary to save more expenditure of force and to retain the obedience of French overseas possessions.



FEARNAUGHTS AND CROSSES

Distance to be covered in reaching vital enemy objectives

Obviously each limiting factor has also a "quality component"—the skill of the personnel, speed and reliability of 'planes, scientific quality of fuel and armament, location of aerodromes, weather normally encountered en route. These, however, are short run, they are determined and unchangeable. They cannot be turned into bottlenecks choking the whole effort of air attack.

Each of the quantitative factors may become a bottleneck. It will avail an air force nothing if it has an immense number of aircraft, all the petrol and bombs it wants, plenty of good advanced aerodromes, yet is short of trained pilots. The pilots will be impotent if they are not matched by adequate ground crews.

AERODROME FACTOR

One bottleneck which may be critically important is little realised by the public. This is the aerodrome factor. It comes to everyone's notice in extreme cases, such as the Norway campaign, when the Allied forces were overwhelmingly handicapped by having no aerodromes whatever; but it is constantly operating to limit action in the air.

A modern heavy bomber needs a long take-off into the wind. One run-way of a great aerodrome alone may be used. The total number of minutes during which aeroplanes can take off from that aerodrome on a particular operation is restricted by the distance that they must cover during darkness, or by other circumstances. Divide that number by the necessary time-interval between each take-off, and you have the number of aeroplanes that can take part in the action from that aerodrome. It may be 40 or 50—a large number, but a limiting factor when operations are conceived in terms of several hundreds.

ESSENCE OF MATTER

This is only an illustration. The essence of the matter is that an enemy air force may be crippled by narrowing any one of the bottlenecks, however wide may be the others. Here is one of the prime elements in present-day air warfare. The attacks on German petrol supplies by the British Air Force are an outstanding example of these tactics. By this means, or by its heavy losses of pilots in the mass air battles over campaign, when the German air force forces were overwhelmingly handicapped by having no aerodromes whatever; but it is constantly operating to limit action in the air.

Squabble Over Antarctica

(By United Press Science Service)
It begins to look as though Antarctica and its penguins will have to be parcelled out at last to nations of the earth when surviving powers reshuffle territorial possessions after this war.

No less than ten countries, including now Chile and Argentina, have put in claims for pie-shaped wedges or other areas of Antarctica. Claims overlap and clash, as in the case of Nazi Germany mapping and planting flags in 230,000 square miles of the Far South in 1939, in the same region where Norway not long before had proclaimed sovereignty and given the name Crown Princess Martha Land.

Despite first reports that Chile has laid claim to a sector including Little America, the area between 63 and 90 degrees West Longitude is actually east of Little America, mainly in the Falkland sector of the Antarctic pie. This brings Chile into conflict with claims of Great Britain and Chile's own neighbour, Argentina.

Parts of the vast Antarctic continent, seemingly so remote from world conflicts, are claimed by Norway, Germany, France, Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Chile, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. It is generally expected that eventually an international commission will gather to decide the knotty problem of cutting the continent into pie wedges, or breaking it into irregular chunks and awarding the pieces.

Divided Like A Pie

Countries that border the South Polar continent lean to the argument that the continent should be divided like a pie, and sectors awarded to the nearest nations, if such nations claim them. Chile and Argentina are pressing this point, though as rivals.

Countries that have engaged in discovery and scientific exploration on the Antarctic continent argue that the land should be parcelled out to countries that have discovered, mapped and explored it, as other continents have been.

Nations claiming Antarctica are running true to form in making grand gestures, as discovering nations always have done. Chile claims a sector of Antarctica on the grounds that the Chilean Andes mountains submerge and then rise again as part of the Antarctic continent, and therefore even in Antarctica these mountains are part of Chile.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Got any crutches, Buddy?"

Italian Subs. Ordered To Sink Spanish Ships

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Secret orders to Italian submarine commanders to sink Spanish merchant ships, without warning are revealed by the British Admiralty to-day.

The order in question was recovered after a successful attack on an Italian submarine and was issued by Admiral of Squadron Mario Falangola. It has now been photographed.

The translation of the order reads, "Subject: Attacking merchant ships flying Spanish flag. Secret: I send herewith copy of Maritimum No. 4007 of Second Instance for your information. Signed Sausto Setini, Captain of Corvette."

"Infantry units under your command that ships flying Spanish flag belonging to Yabarra and Pinillos shipping companies leaving or coming from Casablanca and sailing towards Lisbon must be attacked without warning."

"Steamers of Yabarra Company have black funnel with letters 'AV' interlaced in white. House flag is black and bears the same monogram in white. Pinillos Company has not any particular markings. Appears to own ships Sil, Alto, Celta, of 2,500, 800, and 1,200 tons respectively. Signed Mario Falangola, Vice Admiral commanding Submarines."

According to Lloyd's Register, the Yabarra Shipping Company of Seville owns 21 ships and the shipping company Martine de Pinillos of Cadiz, Spain, owns nine ships.

Pro-Nazi Oshima To Return

Ambassador in Berlin

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Ambassador who recently stated in an interview that friendship between Germany and the Soviet could not last has been re-appointed Ambassador to Berlin.

He is Lieutenant-General Oshima, who was Ambassador in Berlin until November, 1939.

The Government has decided to recall the present Ambassador, Mr. Kurusu, and re-appoint Lieutenant-General Oshima, and the German Government has agreed to this move. It was in an interview with a Japanese newspaper last July that Oshima declared: "Hitler has confirmed the opinion that Russia must be defeated in war, not because Russia is a Communist country but because Hitler believes that the Slav race is impeding the development of the German people."

Marsmans Capital Reduction

An application for confirmation of the reduction of capital from £500,000 to £250,000 was brought by the Marsman Hongkong China Limited before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Appearing for the Company, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, said that the reason for the reduction of capital was a perfectly ordinary and straightforward one, and that was that part of the capital had been lost. The loss came under two heads: first the balance sheet issued in April last showed a loss of £134,000 and later when the question of reducing the capital was considered it was discovered that there was a further loss of £164,000, representing in all approximately one half of the paid-up capital. The application was granted.

Thai Replies To Bombing

SIANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—In retaliation for French attacks, the Thai air force has bombed Siemlone, Savannakhet, Siemlone and Siemlone in Indo-China, according to a communique issued in Bangkok. The Bangkok radio announced that three important towns in the province of Cambodia were heavily bombed.

Japanese Planes Wrecked

NANNING, Dec. 20 (Central News).—The wreckage of three Japanese planes shot down by the Chinese sometime ago has been found near the Tsingshan Park in the suburbs here. One of them was a bomber while the other two were scouting planes. They have been brought inside the city for exhibition.

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A report was made by Miss Doodwell of No. 301 The Peak of the theft yesterday afternoon from her residence of three blankets valued at \$25 by some one who had apparently gained entrance to the house through the back door.

Amplification Of Coup In Tangier By Spain

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Firm words about the situation in Tangier were used by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr. R. A. Butler) when replying in a House of Commons debate on the position of the International Zone.

The Labourite, Mr. F. Seymour Coombs, who initiated the debate, said that the situation was a very grave one and demanded even more drastic steps by Britain to preserve the neutrality and unfortified character of Tangier.

After reviewing the developments leading up to the resolution of the International administration, Mr. Butler said that as a result of the further coup of December 13, "the most definite language is being used by the local Consul General at Tangier and by the British Ambassador to the authorities in Tangier and to the Spanish Government in Madrid."

"We are particularly anxious to know what is the practical effect of the general assurances about British subjects which were given at the beginning of December, and we are concerning ourselves about the future of the British personnel in the administration."

1,700 Britons Concerned

"Not only have British officials received this treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities but also foreign officials of other nations concerned who are for the most part French or Italian. Similar treatment has been meted out to all. There are some 1,700 British resident in Tangier and it is about these that we have received some assurances and about the officials who are making strong and definite representations in negotiations which are now proceeding."

"Signatories of the Statute are France, Spain, United Kingdom and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Sweden are adherents. I cannot speak for Italy and France but I understand that the Netherlands and Belgium have protested with us against the Spanish action."

"Meanwhile we have informed the Swedish and Portuguese governments of the action we are taking. The United States is fully aware of the position and there is contact between us."

Consul For Madrid

Mr. Butler disclosed that the British Consul General at Tangier had been invited to proceed at once to Madrid to assist Sir Samuel Hoare in his discussions with the Spanish Government. This illustrated the importance attached to the discussions at present in progress.

Continuing, Mr. Butler said that it had always been the policy of the British Government to encourage Spain to adopt an independent policy and despite the propaganda put about by Britain's enemies and by any steps which they might take to give a false impression of the British Government's attitude, that remained her policy.

"Spain can be independent if her people are properly guided," he added.

Volcano Eruption

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KOMORO, Dec. 19 (Domel).—A violent shock was registered along the foothills of Mount Asama at 8.40 this morning and the volcano is believed to have erupted.

The volcano's summit, however, was invisible, being shrouded in low-hanging snow clouds.

BUND IN AMERICA

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The seizure of the records of the Germania American Bund here and the Teutonia Publishing Company, has been ordered by a judge of the Municipal Court.

Both concerns are being sued for non-payment of personal property taxes.

Exiled Govts. Granted Standing In Britain

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A Bill to confer diplomatic privileges on Allied and associated governments in Britain received its second reading in the House of Lords to-day.

The object of the Bill, according to the Lord Chancellor (Lord Simon) proposes to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon members and senior officials of Allied Governments stationed in this country.

Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czech-Slovak Government and the leaders and senior officials of recognised associated national authorities such as the Free French Movement established in Britain.

The second clause of the Bill is intended to meet the case of foreign diplomatic envoys and their staffs accredited to the Allied governments which are at present in this country because the Allied governments are here.

Suggesting that the Bill might be regarded in a more or less prosaic manner, the Lord Chancellor said: "I wish to present it as an emblem of the regard and sympathy with which His Majesty's Government feel for the Allied governments that did not lose heart when their countries were successfully struck down by the treacherous and brutal aggression of the enemy."

Both the Liberal and Labour Parties supported the Bill and paid tributes to the assistance rendered by

Toxic Poisoning Of Lord Lothian

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian's death was "due" to toxic poisoning which affected his heart, according to accounts received from the Embassy in Washington.

This statement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

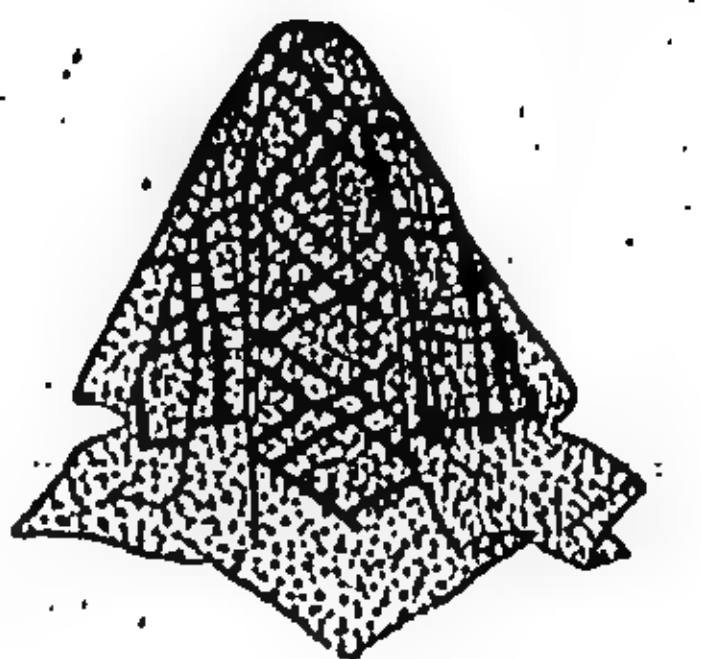
While walking along Bonham Road yesterday afternoon a Chinese snatched a hand bag and a watch aggregating \$39 in value from Miss Leong Ching-ying of the Y.W.C.A. and made good his escape before help could be summoned.

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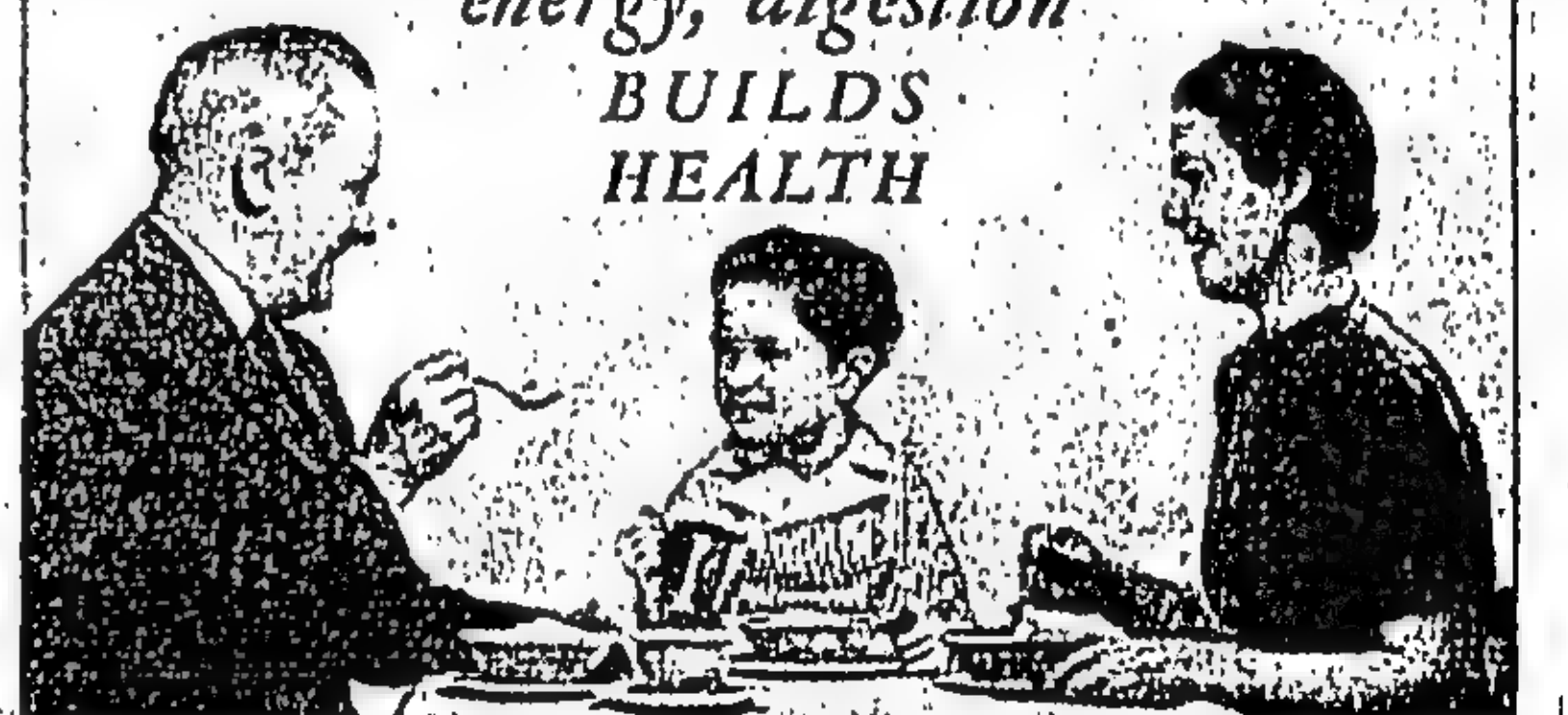
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ARMS CASE CONTINUES

After further evidence had been heard by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy yesterday, the case in which Henry Choo, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining \$12,500 and \$2,000 by false pretences from Wong Hor of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company, was adjourned until December 23.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution while Mr. F. L. Zimmerman appeared for Choo.

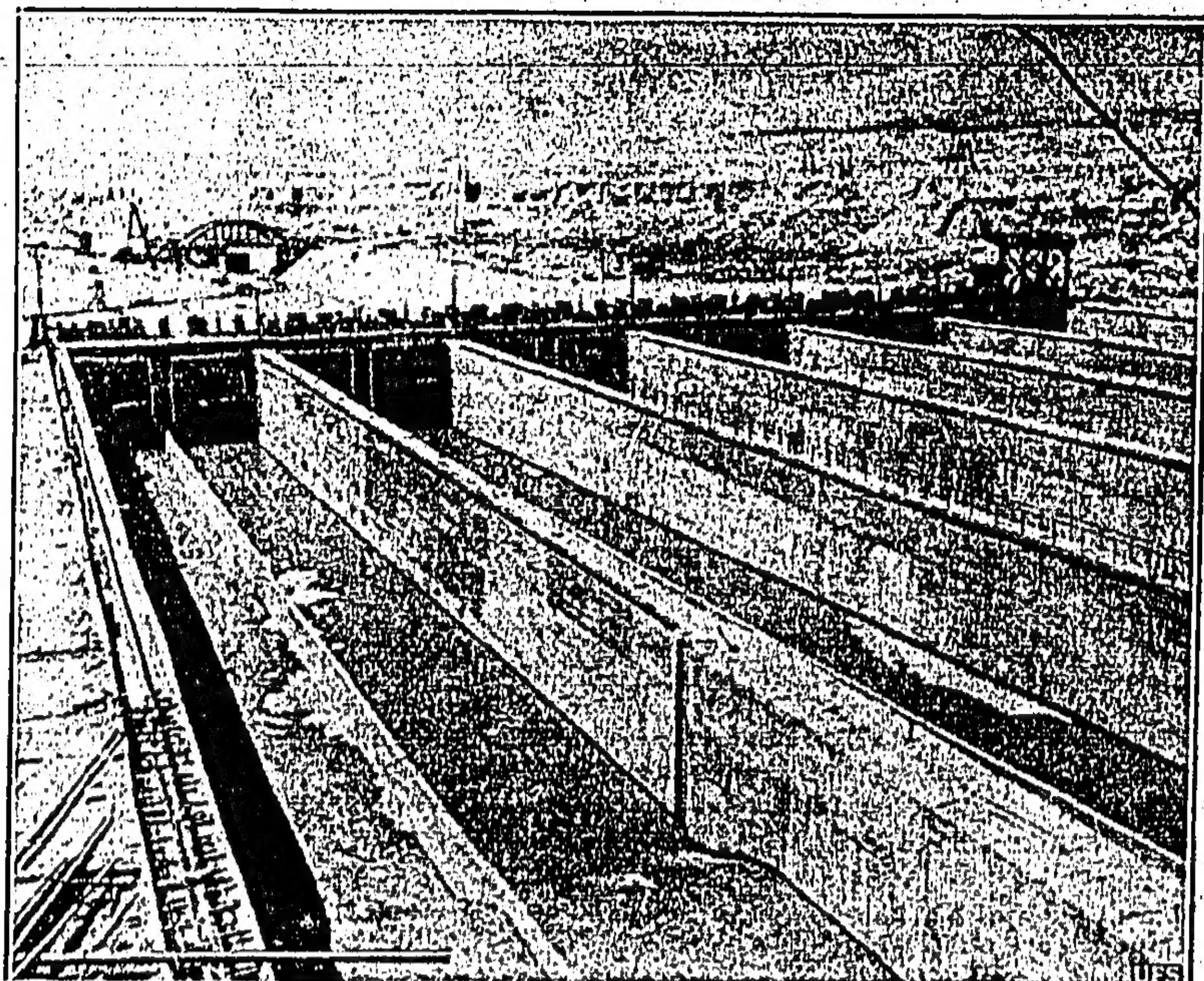
The prosecution alleges that Choo, in a transaction with complainant's firm and the Central Trust of China involving 100 aircraft machine-guns valued at \$3100,000, had received sums of money amounting to \$12,500 and \$2,000 which should have been handed over to the Central Trust of China but in fact had not.

It was also alleged by the prosecution that, following enquiries, it was disclosed that the Central Trust had neither demanded nor received the money paid to Choo, who at first admitted retaining the money but later denied it, saying the money had been paid over.

In evidence yesterday, Mr. Li Chung-he said he was present at most of the negotiations and questioned by Mr. Zimmerman, said he did not at any time see complainant hand money over to defendant. He added that complainant had told him (Li) that he had given defendant \$2,000 to be paid to the Central Trust as part of their commission. Li said he had been informed by complainant that the contract related to the buying of machine-guns. Apart from that he did not know anything about the transaction.

Mr. Henry Lin, sub-manager of the purchasing department of the Central Trust of China, said he had asked complainant to quote his terms for 100 aircraft machine-guns as he was under the impression that complainant's firm were the South China agents for Colt Arms Company of United States. On July 15, the contract was signed with a condition that the contract was subject to confirmation by the Chungking Government. The following day instructions were received from Chungking to suspend the contract owing to the closure of the Burma Road. Some time in November the contract was destroyed.

Witness added that throughout the negotiations he was under the impression that defendant was a partner in complainant's firm.



SOVIET DAM—A huge electro-chemical plant is being built by Russia to fertilize the cotton plantations of Central Asia. It's on Chirchik river, not far from Tashkent, in the Uzbek Republic. Above is a view of settling canal. A modern town has been built near the site of the dam.

DAMAGED PILOT SAVES SUBURB

Londoners who saw a Hurricane side-slipping over their heads during a recent week-end did not know that the pilot was battling to save their lives.

In the Hurricane a pilot officer, who could have saved himself much earlier by jumping, was striving to prevent his machine from crashing on to houses.

A few minutes earlier it had been hit by an explosive shell from a Messerschmitt. Gliding away from the enemy the pilot prepared to bale out. Then he saw that he was over a thickly populated district. Sooner than take the risk of his pilotless machine crashing into houses he decided to try to land in open country.

In an empty field By this time oil was spraying in a thick sheet from the engine, but by a series of violent side-slips the pilot managed to get the flames under control. Eventually he landed safely with wheels up in an empty field. The pilot officer had sent an M.E.109 crashing in flames before he himself was hit.

A.T.S. Girls At The Guns

Girls of the A.T.S. are wearing gunners' lanyards now.

Schools teaching anti-aircraft gunnery use instruments called kine-theodolites to check up on the accuracy of their shooting.

When guns are firing at a target towed by an aeroplane the kine-theodolite may pick up errors not clear to the unaided eye.

Operators of the instrument need a fair knowledge of geometry, a working acquaintance with logarithms, some practice in photography and a natural delicacy of touch.

Teaching Men In one of these gunnery schools in the Western Command girls are instructing men in kine-theodolite mysteries.

"These girls are doing a very good job with these instruments," the officer-in-charge said.

Sinclair Says Goering Is Disgracing His Uniform

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, Secretary for Air, said recently that if the R.A.F. were to divert its forces from military objectives to reply in kind to the German air attacks upon civilians London would be betrayed.

Sir Archibald, who was speaking at a luncheon in London of the National Defence Public Interest Committee, announced that in air fighting generally since August 8 we had lost 621 machines and the Germans 1,867. Our losses in air crews were fewer than 600; the German losses amounted to about 4,000.

"Goering," he said, "is bringing disgrace upon his uniform and upon the service which he commands by launching that service in savage and indiscriminate attacks upon the civilian population of this country and upon our King and Queen."

"Unable to destroy our Air Force 20,000 or 25,000 feet, unloading their bombs aimlessly and indiscriminately; they come down much lower and directed their bombs with deadly aim at the centres of German naval, military and air power."

"Some people say that we ought to repay the Germans in kind for their attacks upon our civilians," Sir Archibald said.

"The truth is that it would be a betrayal of the suffering people of London to divert any of our resources from military objectives."

"Supposing we split our bombs indiscriminately on the houses of the German civilians—how would that protect our own? That slogging match might go on for months, merely spreading misery in both countries."

Warm Reception. Sir Archibald said that recent air battles by day have shown that we are well—almost miraculously—protected against attack.

"Bombing by night is less dangerous because less accurate, but it is cruel and harassing and more difficult to deal with. Is it an insoluble problem? Not at all—we are making progress."

GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBURG

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg arrived in London from Lisbon recently and was met by M. Classen, the Duchy's consul in London, who said that her visit was unofficial.

When German troops invaded the Duchy on May 10 she escaped with her husband, Prince Felix, and their six children into France. When France collapsed they went to Spain and later to Portugal. It was reported in July that Prince Felix and the children had left for America.



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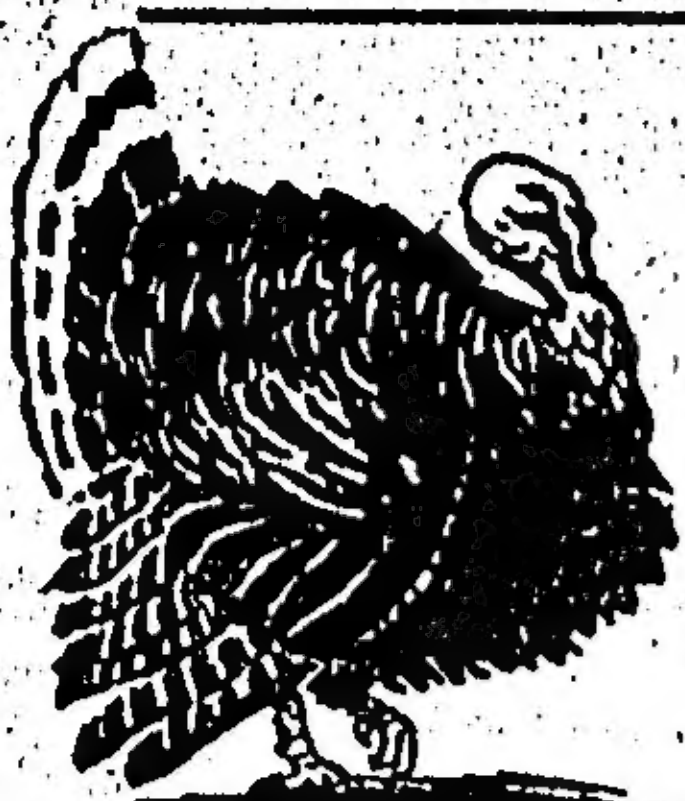
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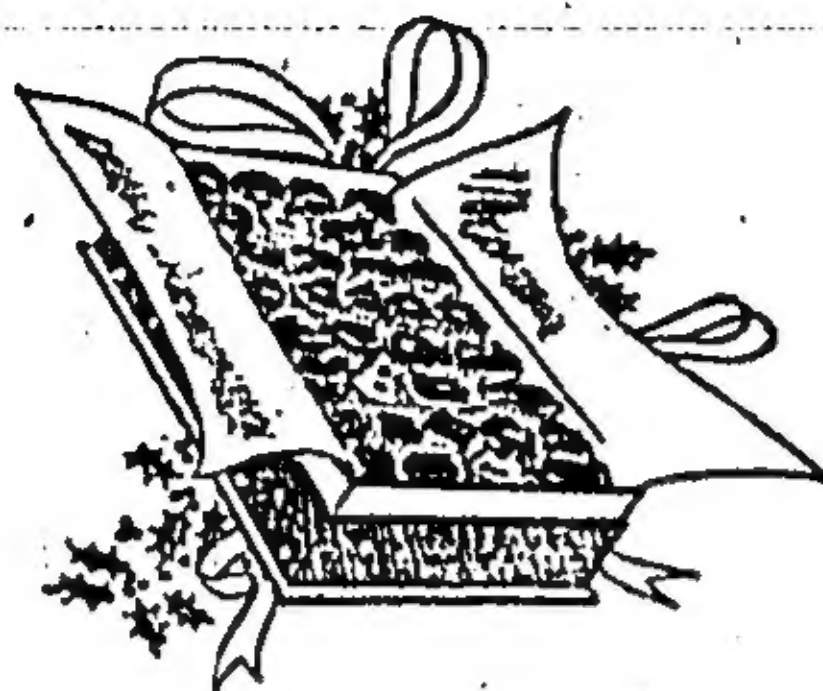


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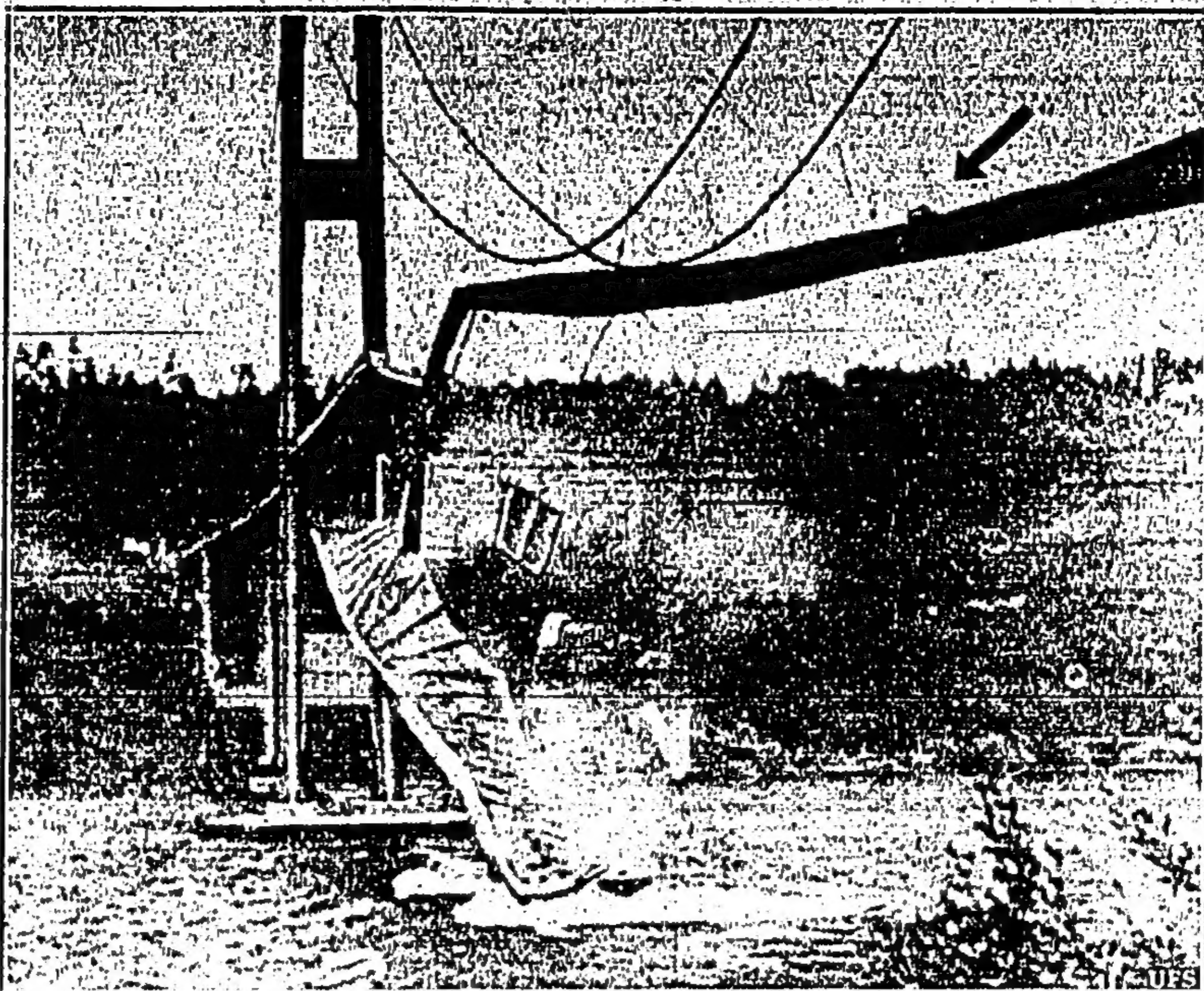
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London's Chinatown Among Most Heavily Bombed Areas

LONDON'S East-end Chinatown has been amongst the most heavily bombed of this great city's stricken districts. Little laundries and restaurants, formerly kept by industrious, frugal, Chinese proprietors, who employed as workpeople many of their poorer compatriots, are now just sad heaps of bricks and broken beams by the side of bomb-pitted roads.

Beneath some of the ruins are still buried the bodies of those who formerly worked there, and rescue workers are still digging to recover the remains.

Most Chinese who could afford to do so have already left the danger area for less menaced districts in London, and many, if not all, of the Chinese women and children have been evacuated to the country by Government schemes.

The few men who remain are those lucky enough to have Anderson shelters in their back yards, or those stoics who declare that they are not afraid of what their relatives have suffered so bravely in Chungking and other Chinese cities. So they hang on in their ramshackle little houses of flimsy brickwork and await the bombs with fatalistic indifference.

Some of the Chinese lodging-house keepers remain to cater for the Chinese seamen constantly arriving in the London docks in ocean steamers from the Far East.

Seamen Have No Fear
These sailors, having endured calmly the most savage attacks by submarines and Nazi warplanes at sea, face the London raids without fear, or, for that matter, much visible interest.

When, for example, a reporter visited the Chinese Seamen's Lodging House, a raid was in progress and the cracking roar of bursting anti-aircraft shells thundered in the sky above. Shrapnel seemed to be falling thickly all around, and conditions, to say the least, were by no means reassuring. But, in the doorway of the house,

Chung Hwa Club
Not far away is the Chung Hwa Club, founded by the Chinese Ambassador, a few years ago to enable London-born Chinese children to learn something of the culture of ancient China and to gain some little knowledge of their classic tongue. Mandarin Chinese students from

London University used to act as unpaid teachers, and the club soon developed into Chinatown's real social centre.

Now, the laughter of the children no longer sounds within its walls—they are far away in Somersetshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. But the few Chinese elders remaining assemble here periodically to meet the Chinese Consul, who comes down to see that all possible help is being given to the community in their time of trial.

Funds he provides assist those tradesmen who have lost their business to carry on, and he is sometimes able to accelerate the evacuation of those who have no longer any inducement to remain in this heavily damaged district.

Birch For Thefts In War-Time

A threat to use the birch-rod to put down petty thefts in war-time when people were busy on jobs of national importance, was made in St. Andrew's Juvenile Court recently by Captain How, who presided when 30 juveniles appeared on various charges of theft and malicious mischief.

"Petty thefts," declared Captain How, "must be kept down in war-time." He placed several boys on probation for a year when they pleaded guilty to charges brought against them.

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Dramatic Death Of M. Kallio

Finland's President

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Kyösti Kallio, Finland's 66-year-old President, died in dramatic circumstances to-day, within a few hours of the election of a new president to take over the duties. Ill-health had prompted him to renounce.

The outgoing President drove through the crowded streets of Helsinki to-night past lines of youthful torch-bearers on his way to retirement to a farm in the country.

At the station he was received by a Guard of Honour. As he was passing along its ranks, he suddenly collapsed with a heart attack and died soon afterwards.

German Report

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Kyösti Kallio, the outgoing President of Finland, who is being replaced in the presidency by the Prime Minister, Ryttyl, died to-day of heart failure, according to a Helsinki dispatch to the German news agency.

According to the first count of voting in the electoral college for the new president, M. Ryttyl received 288 out of 300 votes.

LEAHY FOR VICHY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Admiral William Leahy, the new American Ambassador to the Vichy Government, will sail aboard an American cruiser from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Vichy via Lisbon, accompanied by his wife.

Admiral Leahy made this announcement after a farewell visit to President Roosevelt.

Nazi Troops In Italy Doubted

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The reports of German troops in Italy and even in Libya, lack confirmation in London where they are regarded with considerable reserve.

The reports were received on the Italian frontier where diplomatic sources spoke of five to six divisions. An American correspondent just arrived from Rome, says that there was no evidence of German troops when he left and that the Italian people would greatly resent the presence of large numbers of foreign troops on Italian territory.

Concentrations Reported
BELGRADE, Dec. 19 (UP).—Authoritative sources said the Germans have concentrated at Turin and Tarento, but no figures are available. Eye-witnesses report that German troops were sighted going southward through Brenner Pass.

LATE FINNISH PRESIDENT



M. KALLIO

Peace In Air Over U.K.

Bomber Brought Down

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Little enemy air activity occurred over Britain during daylight to-day and no bombs were dropped in any area.

A pilot of the Fighter Command squadron which helped to save the destroyer Javelin from bombing attacks when she was recently disabled by enemy action, shot down a Dornier-17 bomber over the West Country.

The London area had its first alert to-night since Monday night but it was of comparatively short duration.

A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in one London area.

First Alarm

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—The first raid alarm to be sounded in the London area for 68 hours came at 7 p.m. and gunfire was soon heard. Raiders were also over East Anglia and western England.

A heavy air battle was reported from one London district at 3.30 p.m. but no bombs were dropped.

A convoy off the southeast coast reported that three German Messerschmitt planes fully attacked them, the bombs falling into the sea.

New U.S. Cruiser For Manila

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MANILA, Dec. 20 (UP).—Reliable sources revealed to-day that the American cruiser Cincinnati is en route to Manila to reinforce the Asiatic Squadron.

U. S. To Buy Copper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Mr. Jesse Jones, President of the Export and Import Bank announced to-day that the Metals Reserve Corporation has arranged to buy 100,000 tons of copper from Latin America.

Lull In German War Effort Position Assessed

(BY "REUTERS" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There has been a seeming lull in Germany's war effort for some days past and whether this is the lull before the storm or after remains to be seen.

It must not be overlooked that for 18½ months the Germans have been exerting their strength to the utmost. They have over-run six countries and are in virtual occupation of two others, Rumania and Slovakia.

In the air they have maintained an almost constant succession of raids by day and night, but this has been slackening both in intensity and duration, possibly owing to the weather.

Only at sea is there an increase if anything in the German pressure, but German naval activity is confined to U-boat operations with occasional sorties by raiders and E-boat formations.

Quiet Fade-Out

In the diplomatic field, the round of visits of Ribbentrop and of various statesmen, who could be induced to Germany, has quietly faded out. German propaganda has ceased talking about momentous surprises in store.

There is an embarrassed silence regarding the background of Laval's disgrace.

With regard to Italy, there have been more sympathetic references in the German press to the remarkable powers of recuperation of the Italian armies but beyond emphasising the unity of the Axis, the papers do not allude to material aid.

But as Mr. Churchill stated in his speech to-day, Hitler waited a long time in complete quiescence before he struck the terrible blows which shattered France. As the Prime Minister indicated, however, even if Hitler is not letting the grass grow under his feet in the present temporary lull, Britain is no less conscious of her need for constant and increasing effort.

Eire Watches West Ports

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The ports of Galway and Sligo on the west coast of Eire are placed under total military control by an order made to-day by the Minister of Defence.

The step appears to be the continuation of the Eirean policy of preparedness against an invader. Special defence measures have been in operation since the capitulation of France and, since July, the ports of Dublin, Cork, Kingstown, Bantry Bay and Lough Swilly have been under military direction.

ENORMOUS BRITISH ORDERS

Want 60 New Cargo Ships From U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—British purchasing agents have submitted to the United States Treasury a list covering three billion dollars worth of projected new war orders including 12,000 combat planes to cost about \$1,000,200,000; 60 new cargo boats to cost about \$100,000,000, and tanks, guns and ordnance to cost about \$1,700,000,000.

Officials explained that the 60 cargo boats were merely a "start" in the British shipbuilding programme and it was expected that the number would be doubled.

U.S. Defence Needs

It was revealed that the British have been informed to proceed with the enumeration of their requirements.

Meanwhile, it is understood that President Roosevelt at the White House conference yesterday, together with the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox and other experts, formulated a plan to speed up defence production which contemplates the creation of a Defence Commission composed of Mr. Stimson, Col. Knox and Mr. William Knudsen, Chairman of the defence board who will be empowered with sufficient authority to obtain action.

Astronomical Figures
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is understood that the British Government is seeking contracts for 12,000 additional aeroplanes, between 2,000 and 2,500 more tanks, and additional guns and ammunition.

This follows statements by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's Secretary, on the subject of quicker aid to Britain and means of speeding up the American defence programme as a whole.

It is believed that the planes may cost \$1,125,000,000 while orders for guns and ammunition may total \$1,700,000,000.

Well-informed sources here declare that contracts for merchant vessels may be signed by the end of the week.

Further negotiations whereby considerable tonnage of Danish ships now in American ports could be taken over and transferred to Britain, are proceeding satisfactorily.

Times Welcomes Plan
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Not only will President Roosevelt's plan be welcomed in Britain as a great and noble gesture, thinks the "Times," but as offering a method all the more brilliant because of its simplicity in getting over the embarrassing difficulty.

No one on this side of the Atlantic, adds the "Times," imagined that the United States would let us lose the war by withholding, over any question of dollars, such arms as she was able to supply. The difficulty was technical but nonetheless serious since the critical testing time cannot be many months ahead when we will need every ship, plane and tank that we can acquire.

The paper goes on to predict that there will be some opposition in America to the plan but "on the other hand there will be many who will hail it as the first opportunity in a world be-deviled by finance and who will be enormously relieved by the prospect that at the end of the war the world will be spared the nightmare of unpayable war debts and reparations which, after 1918, helped to produce such conditions as made social unrest, Hitlerism and war almost inevitable."

Mr. Morgenthau's Statement
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, told the press to-day that no further important contracts from Britain are likely until Congress considers President Roosevelt's latest proposals.

He said that the British have already allocated a \$50,000,000 cash down payment on 60 merchant ships.

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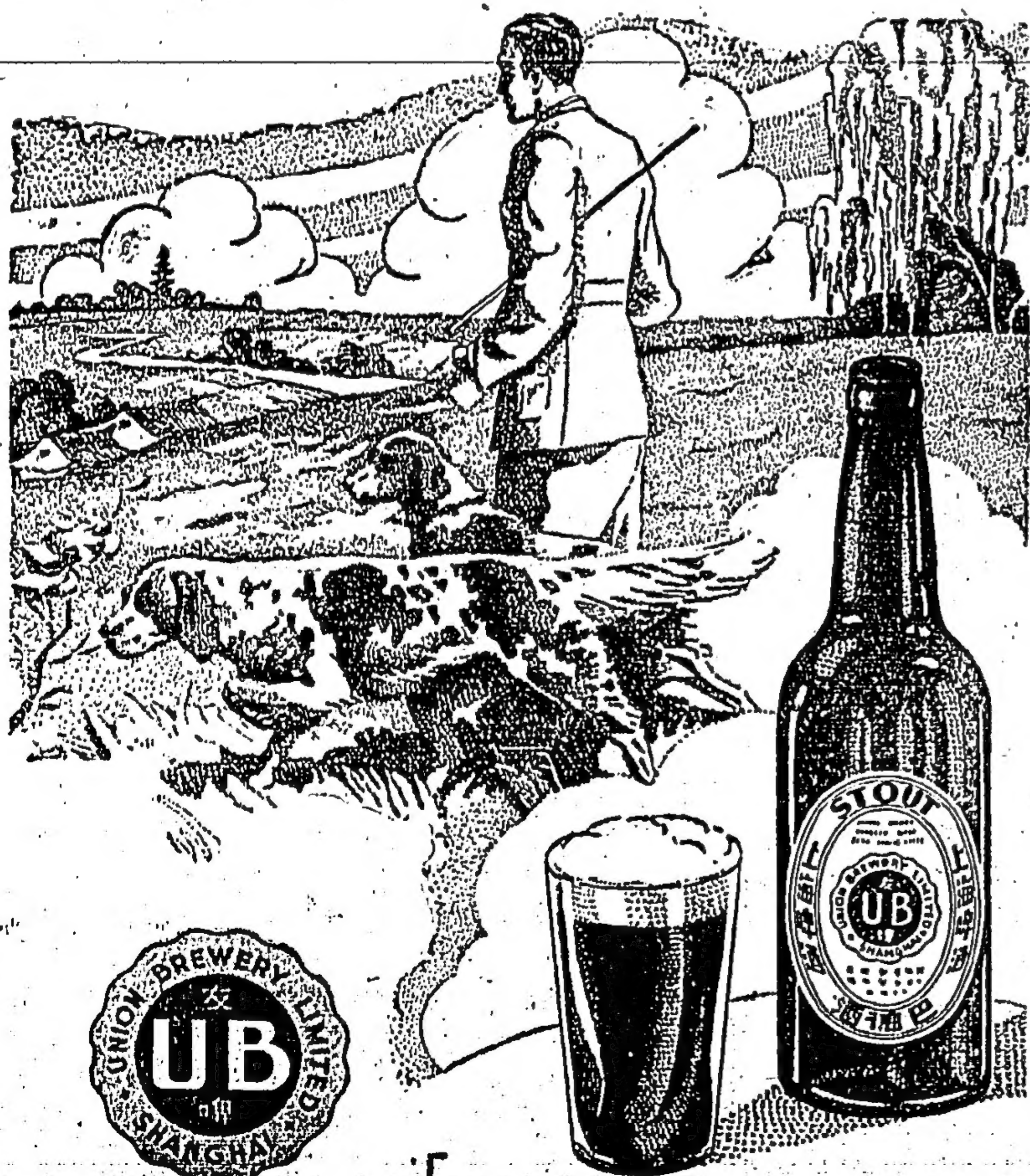
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BRITAIN WELL GUARDED

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and shipbuilding, you have got to look ahead.

"If you did not work plans on that scale, you would not even get the first fruits that come forward in good time. Anything that can be done to increase the volume of food production would be the wisest insurance for the later years of this war, assuming that it should be prolonged for such a period, which is by no means impossible."

Dangers Not Passed

"It would be a disaster if anyone supposed that the supreme mortal dangers are passed. They are not. There are dangers of a prolonged deadlock, but there may be also more immediate dangers."

"The winter season will offer some advantages to the invader in counter-balance to those which belong to the summer season. It will be a lack of prudence amounting to a crime if vigilance were relaxed (Cheers). We must watch from hour to hour the menace which still exists in full force so short a distance away."

"I may say that the defence of our shores is complete. From North Scotland round Ireland, enormous masses of guns, machine-guns, fortified posts and every defence device are erected and are guarded by large numbers of ardent and well-trained men, but we are not making the mistake which was made by the French General Staff when they thought that the Maginot Line was all that was necessary."

Large Home Army

"We have now got a very large army which can move to any place with great rapidity and can go into action in a strong counter-offensive. Therefore, we may have good confidence in our power to beat the enemy supposing that he should succeed in settling foot in any strength on these shores."

"Nevertheless we must remember that Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I do not want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power, and he has great need of doing something in the near future."

Indo-China Bandits' Activity

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bombed a bandit stronghold at Dong-tieu, 50 miles north of Haiphong.

Planes For Thailand

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19 (UP).—It is reported that at least 10 planes have arrived in Thailand from Japan, and that 20 others are promised, some of them arriving by air.

It is intended that this will replace the undelivered orders from America.

LATE NEWS

ITALIAN DIVISIONS HELD

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tests that no more of the enemy has been able to escape from Bardia.

Naval Support

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué issued to-day states that the British fleet continued to support the army in Egypt by pouring shells on the Italian positions during the seven days of the campaign. No hits were registered on any fleet units by the Italian shore batteries.

Rome Report

ROME, Dec. 19 (UP).—The "Popolo di Roma" correspondent at Beyruth claims that the British are massing heavy contingents of troops along the Syrian frontier, with which they plan to invade Syria and set up a Government headed by General De Gaulle.

"Uncomfortable"

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (UP).—An authoritative source stated that the position of the Italians at Bardia is uncomfortable as fresh British troops are attacking them.

New Tunnel To Accommodate 10,000

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had been completed since last week and these were situated all over the Colony. The attention of the department was now being concentrated on nullahs and it is hoped that with concrete blocks covering the drain and allowing the passage of water underneath, ample room would be provided for shelters. These larger nullahs would be sub-divided.

Some form of access or staircase was now being devised.

KLISURA ABOUT TO FALL

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Palermo is now under Greek artillery fire.

Final Phase In Battle

WITH THE GREEK ARMY, Dec. 19 (UP).—The central sector battle for Tepelini and Klisura reached the final phase to-day with the Greeks battling for strategic heights to the north.

The Italians set fire to a whole row of wooden buildings, have blown up munitions and have taken up new positions on the northern heights from where the Greek shock troops, backed by their artillery, are now trying to drive them out.

Important Advances

ATHENS, Dec. 19 (UP).—The official spokesman to-night announced that during the last 42 hours, the Greeks have made "most important advances" north of Klisura, and that the Italian losses have been very heavy. He said the Italians have fired the villages and the heights.

Resistance Broken

ATHENS, Dec. 19 (UP).—The Government spokesman described how the Greeks had broken the Italian resistance around Port Palermo. He said the Italians had previously been cut off in this sector and were now fighting their way northward along the coastline, attempting to break through to Chimeria.

Well-informed circles said that the Greeks entered Porto Palermo last week but were driven out by the Italians in a counter-attack; later they encircled the town, while the Italian garrison is throwing its entire weight against the northern side of the encircling ring.

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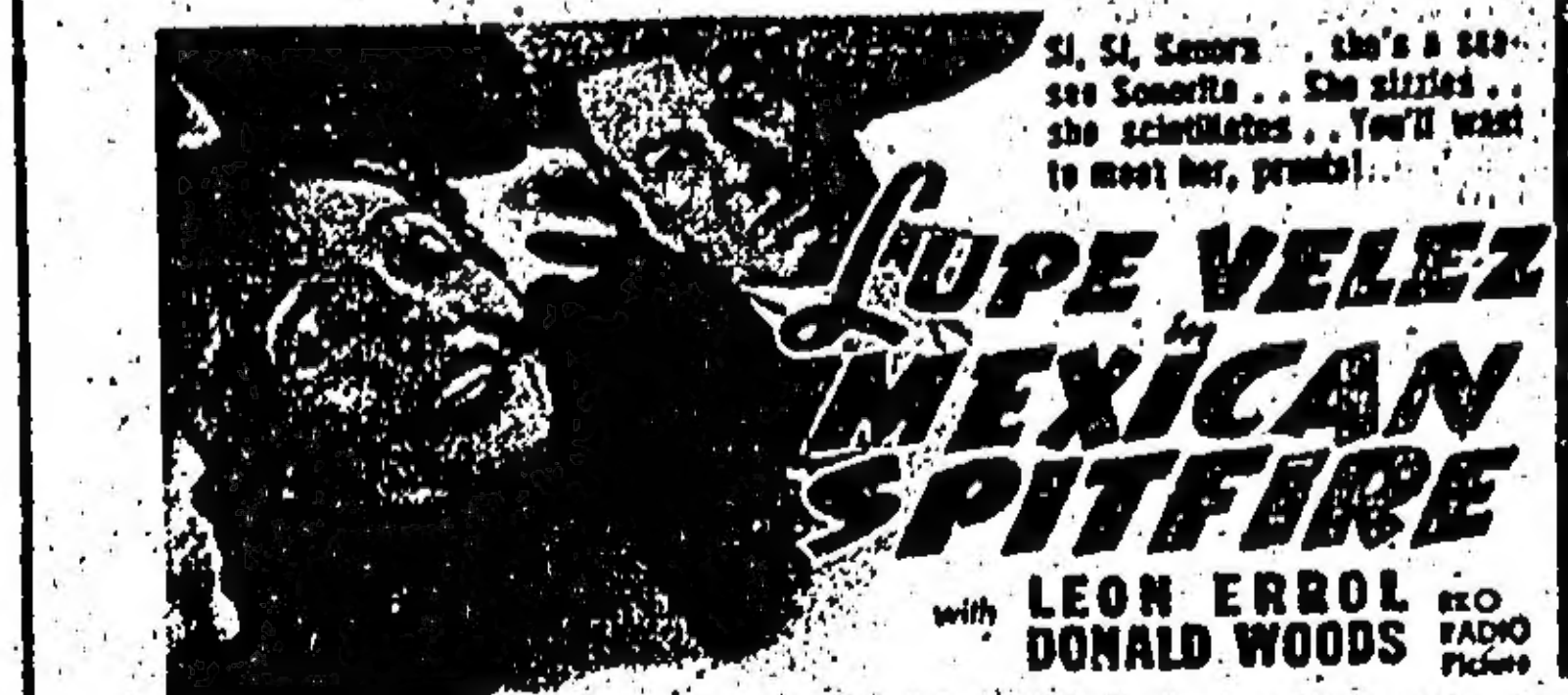
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